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EUROPE

Proceedings in the Scottish Parliament—Debate in the House of Lords on Colonial Relations—Confederation with Great Britain Suggested—The Alabama Claims in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—In the House of Lords to-day, the Earl of CARNARVON moved for copies of the correspondence with Canada and other colonies relative to the recall of troops. He desired that the Colonial question should have careful consideration. He favored a Confederation of which Albion would be the centre. He commended Canada for her constant conservatism and deprecated the theory that the colonies should be allied but independent communities. Lord LYTTELTON called attention to the prospects of New-Zealand, and thought that colony was about to enter on a new and prosperous career. Lord MONCK explained his reasons for asking for more troops when he was Governor-General of the Canadas. The battle of Eglowe had been fought, and as the war in Europe was ended, the Home Government could spare the men. The Fenians, who were supposed to be armed with breech loaders, had just made a raid into Canada. The colonies were in a panic and clamored for protection. Under these circumstances he was called to call for reinforcements from England. He then discussed the subject of the relations of the colonies to the mother country, and admitted generally the wisdom of colonial self-protection. The Earl of DERBY congratulated Earl GRANVILLE that the colonies were not to be left utterly defenceless and that their relations with the Home Government were harmonious. Lord LYNDOH asked that serious consideration be given to the policy of colonial independence. The House adjourned.

In the House of Commons Mr. OTWAY, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department, denied the truth of the report that the United States had offered to reopen negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama claims. He added that, if renewed, the negotiations would be conducted at Washington instead of London. Mr. LOWE, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he hoped to submit the Budget to the House before Easter. Mr. LEEVER asked leave to introduce a bill relative to the merchant marine. The bill is very long, containing nearly 800 clauses, and embodies the views of the shipping community. It will probably be referred to a Select Committee. A motion was made for a Select Committee to consider and report reforms in the diplomatic and consular service. A message from the Queen was received, announcing that arrangements had been made for scientific observations of the transit of Venus in 1874. The House then adjourned.

Dion Boucicault and the Saturday Review—The London Times on Ironclads—The Lancashire Cotton Mills—Opening of the North German Parliament—The King's Speech.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The weather yesterday was cold and tempestuous. Many disasters have been reported to the shipping around the coast.....DION BOUCICAULT has brought an action of libel against the proprietor of the *Saturday Review*, for an unfavorable criticism on his play of "Formosa," wherein the editor characterized the author as an "associate of blackleg and charlatans".....The *Times* to-day, in reviewing the book on ironclads, recently issued by the English Naval Constructor, E. J. REED, exults in Secretary BOUTWELL'S admission of the absolute worthlessness of the American vessels.....The cotton mills at Preston, in Lancashire, which were compelled to stop a short time since on account of the depression in the cotton trade, are resuming. A correspondent, probably an interested one, writes to the *Times* to-day, attributing the cause of the late decline in cotton to the present large supply, and adds that as the spinners will cover contracts at eleven pence, a slight reaction in the market has occurred.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—King WILLIAM to-day opened the session of the North German Parliament. In the speech from the throne a programme of the laws to be proposed to the Parliament is given. Among them are bills for a new Criminal Code, and for the development of the rights of citizenship in the Confederation. Parliament is assured that the Federal revenues now promise to equal the expenditures. Union with the Southern States is still urged, and the treaty with the Grand Duke of Baden is pronounced one link in the chain. Peace with all foreign nations has been preserved in accordance with the policy of the members of the Confederation. The army is maintained solely for defence, not for aggression. The speech concludes with congratulations on the development of the welfare of the North German States.....It is said that Count von BISMARCK, in case the other Great Powers concur, will prepare a protest against the Papal syllabus.

The Rochefort-Napoleon Quarrel—Another Ministerial Difficulty Threatened in Spain.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The search for parties implicated in the alleged conspiracy is continued by the Police, and arrests are frequent.... Another prosecution has been commenced against *La Marseillaise* for publishing false news.....HENRY ROCHEFORT has addressed a letter to the Prefect of the Police, claiming in moderate and respectful terms, the right to furnish articles to his own journal, the *Marseillaise*, without submitting them to the examination of the keeper of the prison.

MADRID, Feb. 14.—It is probable that Senor BUCHERA, the Colonial Minister, will soon retire, owing to a stormy discussion in the Cortes on Saturday on the subject of his dismissal of a subordinate official.

FLORENCE, Feb. 14.—The Italian corvette *Vedette* has sailed for the Red Sea to establish a naval station in those waters. She has a scientific commission on board.

PARAGUAY.

The Allies Still Pursuing Lopez—The Latter Retreating Instead of Fugitive.

LISBON, Feb. 14.—The British mail steamer has arrived from Rio Janeiro. The General in command of the Allied forces in Paraguay was moving in pursuit of LOPEZ. It becoming known that the latter was in full retreat, three Italian ships had offered their services to the Brazilians.

CUBA.

Mr. Seward at Matanzas—Wreck of a Schooner with Arms for the Insurgents—Boats Ordered to Leave the Island.

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD has arrived at Matanzas.....Several accomplices in the murder of ISAAC CRESSWALDER have been arrested.....A schooner with a cargo of arms for the insurgents went ashore near Gibara during a gale from the north. She was discovered by the Spanish officers and seized. Her crew escaped into the interior. At last accounts the troops were taking out the schooner's cargo.....General SANDA ANNA arrived in Havana yesterday. He came here from Puerto Rico with the intention of taking passage in the British steamer on the 23d inst. for Vera-Cruz. But the Captain-General has ordered him to leave the island by the first steamer that sails from Havana for any other than a Mexican port, being determined to allow no violation of international law. SANTA ANNA held a personal interview with the Captain-General, but the latter was firm in his refusal to allow him to proceed to Mexico. So the ex-President will leave immediately, either for Nassau or St. Thomas.

Correspondence Relating to the Cresswell Assassination—Retirement of the United States Consul-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The President to-day, in response to a resolution of the House, transmitted to that body such information as has already been received from Havana with reference to the late assault on American citizens.....The first telegram from Consul-General HALL, addressed to Secretary FISH, was dated Havana, Feb. 7, as follows:

ISAAC CRESSWALDER, residing in New-York, was killed; THOMAS K. FOSTER and HUGH JOHNSON, American citizens, were shot yesterday. Much excitement prevailed among the American residents. The authorities manifest great activity in discovering the perpetrator. HALL.

Feb. 7, Secretary FISH telegraphed:

Dispatches received. Send by cable details and other facts for the information of Congress, if called for. FISH.

Mr. HALL replied Feb. 8:

CRESSWALD, a German, JOHNSON and FOSTER, Americans, were quietly walking near the Tacon Theatre Sunday last, about noon; a man in citizen's dress, withpistol, attacked CRESSWALDER, leaving off his hat, and shot him dead. All the men fired, and a crowd collected immediately. Many shots were fired at the four. CRESSWALDER, FOSTER and JOHNSON were hit by balls, and CRESSWALDER was stabbed with a sword after he died. JOHNSON and FOSTER wounded badly; WELLS unhurt. The three men shot had on blue neckties, overalls, which, being the Cuban color, must have been the cause of the attack. All were entirely unarmed, and have no cause whatever. Statement sent by mail yesterday. Others will follow by first steamer. The affair was witnessed by the French, and the wife and daughter of the British Consul-General were present. Will send details when received. The authorities promise protection, and offer a reward of $1,000 for the man who fired the first shot. HALL.

The Secretary of State says he will communicate the documents to the House when they arrive.

CANADA.

Death of an Aged Clergyman in Montreal—Prince Arthur at Ottawa—The Coming Opening of Parliament.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—Rev. Dr. MATHIESON, of St. Andrew's Church, died to-day at the advanced age of 75. He came here in 1826, and was much respected.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—Owing to the snow storm the train with Prince ARTHUR on board did not arrive until 7:30 o'clock P. M. A guard of honor of the Sixtieth Rifles was at the station to receive the Prince, and a large crowd of persons attended. Owing to the lateness of the hour no addresses were presented.....Parliament will assemble to-morrow. About one hundred and fifty members arrived to-day.

THE EAST.

An Insurance Suit—The New-Hampshire Election—Transfer of United States Sailors to New-York—Suicide and Singular Death.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Feb. 14.—An interesting insurance case has just been decided by the law Courts of Maine. The plaintiffs were H. W. LAWRENCE & Co., of Portland, whose store was insured by the Phœnix Insurance Company of New-York, for $3,000. The store was burned in the great fire of 1866. The Company refused payment on the ground that the store was situated upon leased land, and the agent of the Company had omitted to state the fact in the policy. The Court decided in favor of the plaintiffs, awarding the full amount of the insurance, with interest from 1866 and costs.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 14.—The political canvass of the State, by the Republican State Central Committee, has for years been noted for accuracy, as published a few days before each election. The Democratic Party last year attempted a systematic canvass, but the result showed that it was not very reliable, and this year the party will not attempt a minute canvass. The Republicans have organized clubs, and are making a canvass of the State; but under the existing commotion in the political ranks it cannot prove altogether reliable.

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—Three hundred seamen from the Charlestown Navy Yard have been transferred to the Navy Yard at Brooklyn, and will leave for New-York to-night.....Dr. GEORGE O. DALTON, of Woodburn, took a dose of morphine on Friday with suicidal intent, and died at his father's residence on Saturday. He had been depressed in spirits by the loss of business and consequent pecuniary embarrassments. He leaves a wife and child.....THOS. W. MOULTON mysteriously disappeared from Lynn on Monday last, and all efforts to find him were fruitless. On Saturday night he returned to his boarding house and soon afterwards fell to the floor and expired. It is supposed he was insane. He was aged 28 years.

The Boston Police—Resignation of Colonel Kurtz—Abolition of the Detective Branch.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 14.—At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon, Colonel KURTZ, the Chief of Police, tendered his resignation in a letter to the Mayor, in which he explains that the peculiar system of organization gives him little control over its members, but makes him responsible for their faithfulness, although, retaining the confidence of his superiors, he deems himself powerless for good, and resigns. His resignation was accepted by the Mayor, in a letter acknowledging his faithfulness and integrity. An order for the entire abolition of the present despotic system, which has long been in disrepute, was also adopted by the Board.

A Horrible Murder by Negroes in Virginia—A Boy's Tongue Cut Out and His Throat Cut.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Feb. 14.—A most brutal murder was committed in Norfolk County a day or two since, at a place called Hickory Ground, the particulars of which are as follows: A negro family named SMITHS had a boy in their employ, whom they sent to a grocery store to purchase a dollar's worth of pork, giving him a ten-dollar note to pay for the same, and instructing him to be careful and bring back the change. The boy went to the store, purchased the pork, and returned, but on the way back he lost the $9 change. SMITHS charged the boy with stealing the money, and gave him an unmerciful beating with a horse whip, breaking his collar bone. On the following morning the boy started off with the intention of having SMITHS arrested for beating him. SMITHS, fearing the result, started in pursuit of the boy, accompanied by one or two others of the family. They overtook the boy near a piece of woods, into which they dragged him, and in their fiendish rage cut out his tongue by the roots, after which they ended his sufferings by cutting his throat from ear to ear, and hid the body in the woods. The boy's absence was noticed and inquiries were made as to his whereabouts. Receiving no satisfactory information, suspicion was aroused, and a number of negroes started in search of the boy, whose body was discovered where the SMITHS had left it.

Sheriff SAYERS was notified of the fact, and he proceeded to the place to hold an inquest, while the SMITHS, getting wind of it, left suddenly for parts unknown. Efforts are now being made to arrest them. The missing change was afterwards found near the house where SMITHS resided.

GEORGIA RECONSTRUCTION.

General Terry's Course in the Reconstruction—Extent of his Authority—Correspondence with the Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The President sent to the Senate all the papers in possession of the Secretary of War in relation to proceedings in Georgia, in pursuance of recent acts of Congress, to promote the reconstruction of said State; and in relation to the organization of the Legislature since the passage of the act described. Among the papers is a telegram from General TERRY, dated Jan. 3, informing General SHERMAN that he had assumed command of the District of Georgia, and saying he thinks he should be clothed with powers conferred by the Reconstruction acts. General SHERMAN telegraphs to General TERRY Jan. 12:

"Your dispatches have been shown to the President and Secretary of War, and the result is to leave you to your own discretion. Of course, if a flagrant case arises, when a disqualified person proposes to take the oath, investigate the question of eligibility, and determine for the time being his right."

Jan. 19, General SHERMAN telegraphs to General TERRY:

"I will maintain you in the exercise of any authority that will maintain substantially good order, until the State of Georgia is reorganized by the Executive and Congress under the Constitution. Some lawful means will be found, probably. We can defend our friends against the Ku-Klux or bands of assassins."

General TERRY informs General SHERMAN from time to time of what he has done, and says: "The trouble arises from the union of a few Republicans with the Democrats. Their pretext is that the Governor is dishonest and has stolen the funds of the State. I believe the charges unfounded and think they are governed by other motives." Jan. 24, General SHERMAN tells General TERRY: "I have shown your dispatches to the President; he says you are acting all right." General SHERMAN acquaints General TERRY, Jan. 19, that 6th Attorney-General says: "A Legislature or State Government, organized under an ordinance of secession, is not a Legislature of a State in the Union, within the meaning of the act of Dec. 22, 1869." General SHERMAN telegraphs to General TERRY, Jan. 21: "I think the Legislature should be organized next Monday, including all members duly elected, subject to the oaths prescribed and the questions of the Reconstruction law, excluding only the flagrant cases to be determined by yourself under the order of the President. Adjutant-General TOWNSEND telegraphs Jan. 21: "You will receive dispatches, &c. You are expected to use your own discretion on the points mentioned." General SHERMAN telegraphs General TERRY Jan. 22: "Decide all questions as they arise, and do not depend on us. You are to determine absolutely the questions of doubt, for the Attorney-General thinks you are the only power there, other than that reserved to itself by Congress." Jan. 26, General TERRY telegraphs the organization of the House and the particulars concerning the same.

THE SOUTHERN POSTMASTERS.

Their Liabilities for Funds in their Hands Before the War—A Decision in the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The United States vs. KEELER et al. Certificate of division from the Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina, in this case KEELER was Postmaster at Salem, N. C., on the breaking out of the war, and under the Confederate States authority paid over to one CLEMENTS the moneys of the United States in his possession, in payment of a claim due CLEMENTS from the United States for postal service, it being undisputed that the Confederate authorities directed this act as to all moneys in the hands of Postmasters belonging to the United States, and that the Confederate Government had sufficient power to enforce the law. The question arose whether on his official bond the principal and sureties were liable for the sum so paid CLEMENTS. On this question the Court below were divided, and it was certified to this Court for answer. Mr. Justice MILLER now delivered the opinion of the Court, holding the defence of irresistible force, compulsion, &c., relied upon by the defendants is not sound, because such a consideration was not within the condition of the bond, and that the defendants are liable for the amount due.

North Pacific Railroad—Surveys not Suspended.

DULUTH, MINN., Feb. 14.—The statement purporting to emanate from Minneapolis, to the effect that surveys on the North Pacific Railroad have been suspended in consequence of a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, is untrue. General SPAULDING, the engineer in charge, has three surveying parties in the field and all are prosecuting the survey vigorously. Ground is to be broken on the road to-morrow at its junction with the Mississippi and Lake Superior Railroad, at the Dalles, twenty-four miles west of this place. Notwithstanding the season a large force of men is at work here on the breakwater and elevators.

The Case of Dr. Schaupp—The Conviction and Sentence of Death Sustained.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—In the Supreme Court this morning Justice READ read an opinion in the case of SCHAUPP'S, "error to the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Carlisle," this writ being the last resort of the prisoner for escape from the penalty of death for the crime of murder of which he was convicted. The opinion of the Court was based on strictly technical grounds, and was to the effect that they could not consider questions of the prisoner's guilt or innocence, and had not been able to discover any error in the record of the Court below. Therefore the judgment of the Court of Oyer and Terminer of Carlisle was affirmed.

Destructive Fire at Huntington, Mass.—Two Mills Burned—Loss $200,000.

SOUTHFIELD, Mass., Feb. 14.—Two mills at Huntington, the Hampshire Woolen Mill of Messrs. LITTLE & STANTON, and the Manseliite Factory of the Huntington Manufacturing Company, were totally destroyed by an accidental fire about 5 o'clock this morning. Total loss $200,000; insurance $80,000, of which $8,000 is in the Fire and Marine Company of this city. The other companies are not reported. The Hampshire Mill was the largest woolen mill in this State.....A snow storm which began this afternoon has changed into rain, which is now falling heavily.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—Last evening, a man named JAMES MCGARRON, residing at No. 168 Prince-street, while drawing a charge from a loaded revolver, accidentally discharged it, the contents entering the body of his son WILLIAM, a lad about 6 years old, killing him almost instantly.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—The *Commercial Advertiser*, in response to Hon. D. BENNETT'S libel suit, says it is prepared to prove all they have charged.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 14.—The trial of JOHN LAWRENCE for the murder of ELMIRA W. WOOD was begun in the Supreme Court to-day, Justice KERR presiding.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The Woman Suffrage bill has been defeated in the Colorado Territorial Legislature.

WASHINGTON.

Municipal Affairs Discussed in the Senate—Prospects of the Appropriation Bills—Reconstruction of Georgia—Virginia—General Lucas on Cuba—Bowsley Corresponding the Spanish Frigates—The Naturalization Bill.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The vote of the Vice-President decided in the Senate to-day the question of taking up the bill for the admission of Mississippi. Senator CHANDLER moved to postpone its consideration for the purpose of acting on the bills from the Committee on Commerce, which were numerous and important; and the body was so little disposed to consider the admission of the State, that a division showed a tie, which called for a casting vote. Then followed, for two or three hours, a mere repetition of the State, if not the words, which were put forward in the case of Virginia. The speech of Senator CAMERON was, however, a notable exception, and was the means of arousing the Senate from its lethargy. Mr. CAMERON'S argument to-day is pronounced an almost ultra-State rights speech, and is variously criticised. Mr. TAFT, in reply, characterized it as an eloquent and skilful re-vamping of constitutional fallacies, &c., from which it may be inferred that it does not meet with much favor among the Radical Republicans. Mr. MORTON denounced it as the embodiment and expressive of the spirit which led to war and the destruction of the State Government; and Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, begged time to tell what he thinks of it, which will be to-morrow. A vote was about to be taken on striking out all the fundamental conditions, when the Delaware Senator rose and asked an adjournment to-morrow, which was granted. Mr. CARPENTER received continuous attention. The principal point insisted on was that the proposition of Mr. MORTON, that the United States, in all this reconstruction, had the right, under the Constitution, to do any and everything to preserve what it had built in all those States, in order to guarantee them a republican form of government, was a heresy which, if carried out, would eventually overturn the Government.

THE APPROPRIATIONS BEFORE THE HOUSE.

The House vigorously attacked the Legislative Appropriation bill again to-day, but made slow progress. Only twelve out of forty-eight pages have thus far been passed upon in Committee of the Whole. Probably no bill was ever so closely scrutinized in every item as this. Much of the talk, of course, is for next Fall's elections, but a great deal is also stimulated by a genuine desire to cut down the expenditures to the lowest amount possible. Thus far no very great impression has been made upon the bill as reported. Not a change was made in any paragraph to-day. Mr. DAWES seems able to give abundant reasons why each sum was fixed as it appears, and the discussion develops the fact that the bill was very thoroughly considered in committee.

VIRGINIA.

The political reorganization of parties in Virginia will assume shape at an early day. Matters are culminating very rapidly, and the movement to reorganize the Republican Party of the State into a powerful consolidated organization is fast gaining strength. The most encouraging thing about it is that the extremists of both sides give it the cold shoulder. Of the delegation in Congress at least one Senator and four, probably five, Representatives, will join in the movement. The object is to draw the line and compel the Democratic element in the State to take its proper position. Where this movement will leave Mr. WALKER it is difficult to say. His action thus far is sharply criticised by the Republicans, especially in the matter of appointments. The election of GEORGE RYE, Esq., a well-known Republican, as State Treasurer, was effected by a union of the Wells Republicans with the liberal portion of the Conservative Party in the Legislature.

GENERAL LOGAN ON CUBA.

General LOGAN made his long-expected speech on Cuba to-day. It was carefully prepared and unusually argumentative, and was, therefore, superior to his extempore productions. It was able, eloquent and at times violent. With his clarion voice it was plainly heard in every part of the Chamber, and its echoes reverberated through the corridors. It was full of patriotism, pluck and energy.

THE SPANISH FRIGATES AT NEW-YORK.

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD offered a resolution of apparently harmless inquiry to-day, which a Republican House allowed to pass without a single objection, though it contained an implied if not direct censure of the Administration. The resolution demands to know under what authority, and by whose exercise of the same, the two Spanish frigates are to be repaired in the navy dock yards at New-York. If there is any courage at the other end of the avenue, Mr. FERNANDO WOOD and the Rest of Congress will probably receive a lesson of international comity, precedents and law, on which it would seem they stand in need. Suppose, for instance, Spain had refused to permit our ships of war to make necessary repairs in her ports during the rebellion. This principle of international comity and law, entirely distinct from belligerency or neutrality, is about as old as civilization itself.

NATURALIZATION.

The House Judiciary Committee further considered Judge DAVIS' Naturalization bill to-day, and perfected the criminal sections. All its features have now been considered, save the last section. As the bill now stands, the period of citizenship probation is reduced to three years and six months and twenty-one days. Applications may be made at the end of three years, but no naturalized citizen will be allowed to vote until six months after the completion of his papers. This, it is believed, will prove a complete bar to the frauds which have so long prevailed in heated election campaigns.

THE GOLD INVESTIGATION AGAIN.

The Banking and Currency Committee, which was supposed to have closed its testimony on the gold conspiracy investigation, met to-day and resolved to reopen the case, some new light having suddenly come to Elkins' investigations. This new light is shrouded in a great deal of mystery just at present. The Committee deemed the matter so important, however, that they held a special session this afternoon during the sitting of the House. It is reported that an important witness was examined, but his name has not been ascertained. It is also said that this particular light shines through a Democratic member of the Committee. On a former occasion a witness summoned at his instance proved a very opaque body shedding no light on the Committee; and it would not be surprising if it should turn out likewise in this instance. Still there was an air of earnestness around the Committee this afternoon which betokened business.

THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY ADJOURNMENT.

Congressmen are beginning to see that an early adjournment is almost out of the question. Last month it was thought that they might be able to leave about the 1st of May; but it is now conceded by almost every one that they will be fortunate if they get away in July. There is an immense amount of unfinished business in nearly all the Committees, and a dozen or more contested election cases still undecided. There are railway and financial schemes by the score, and numerous other propositions, which will consume weeks and months in debate and discussion.

ADDITIONAL PORTS.

The numerous bills before the House Committee on Commerce relative to creating additional ports of entry and delivery, and providing for the transhipment of merchandise in the West without breaking bulk, will be considered and finally settled to-morrow. The Secretary of the Treasury does not favor the Merchandise bill for the reason that the importation of the West is so small as to hardly justify the additional expense which its passage would require; but the Representatives from that section are almost unanimous in demanding the enactment of such a law. It will give some of them additional patronage, and will, they claim, help build up the importation of the West.

NEW CURRENCY.

The House to-day made an ineffectual effort to get an expression on the subject of more currency. Mr. LOUGHRIDGE, of Iowa, offered a resolution directing the Committee on Banking to report a bill adding at least fifty millions to the present volume of the currency. This did not distinguish between national bank greenbacks and greenbacks. General GARFIELD moved to lay it on the table, which was lost—yeas 74, nays 58. The expiration of the morning hour prevented further action, but the next motion would have been to refer it, which would probably have carried. The vote to-day is not looked upon as an indication that the House is absolutely in favor of inflation, but rather as an expression in favor of the Senate Currency bill now under consideration in the Banking Committee.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

General FARNSWORTH'S proposition to change the mode of settling contested election cases by drawing a special jury of nine members in each case on the old plan of the House of Commons, was defeated in the British House to-day, on a motion to suspend the rules, by 74 to 104, not the required two-thirds, but not even a majority. The members are not usually averse to this irksome duty, which is all the more reason why it should not be entirely thrown upon a single Committee. It leaves nine members to carry a load which not only impairs their usefulness as members, but really unfits them for the exercise of other duties. The practicability of throwing the whole thing into the United States Courts has been suggested, but it is thought by some that the Constitution stands in the way of this because of the provision which makes it incumbent upon each House to be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members.

THE SALE OF CADETSHIPS.

The Military Committee examined to-day a witness named CATHCART, who has some connection with the Springfield Republican, on the question of the alleged Congressional corruption in the sale of cadetships to the Naval Academy, but did not elicit anything more than vague statements in reference to a Southern representative on the Atlantic border.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

CONFIRMATION—THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES.

HENRY WINTER was to-day confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of the Territory of New-Mexico. The Senate Judiciary Committee, by a majority of one, reported favorably on the nominations of Mr. BRADLEY and Mr. STRONG to be Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. No action was taken on them, a disposition being manifested on the part of Senators to await the final action on the pending bill requiring Justices of that Court to reside in the district to which they are appointed.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE SENATE.

Much of the time of the Executive Session was occupied in debate as to whether the rule of open discussion should be applied to all treaties instead of confining it to those relative to Indian affairs as already provided.

REALTY OF A. T. STEWART.

Hon. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, in writing to a friend in Washington, on the 9th inst., confirmed the report of his continued ill health.

THE BESSEMER STEEL PATENTS.

Chief Examiner HOBBINS, of the Patent Office, has decided against the application for an extension of the Bessemer steel patent in this country. The final decision in the case will be made on Saturday.

THE SAYLES CLAIM BILL A LAW.

The President has allowed to become a law, by not returning notice of it to the House, in which it originated, within ten days, the bill for payment of $95,000 to S. & H. SAYLES, of Killingly, Conn., arising out of a contract made by them in 1863 for furnishing army clothing.

TUNNELLING THE HUDSON.

Mr. Dawes' Bill Referred to the Post Office Committee—Provisions of the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The bill introduced by Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, to-day, and referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, provides additional commercial and postal facilities in the port of New-York. Marshall O. Roberts, William G. Ogden, Origon Vanderburgh, John I. Blair, Dudley Field and John D. Sherwood, together with such persons as may become associated with them, are created a body politic in deed and in law, by the name of the New-York Port Submerged Railroad Company. They are empowered to survey, locate, and construct a submarine tunnel tube, or covered way, in or beneath the beds of the Bay of New-York and of the Hudson River, from some point in New-Jersey opposite the City of New-York to some point in the City of New-York, with one or more tracks therein to transport by rail or otherwise freight and passengers, with the privilege of charging and collecting toll. They are not, however, to interrupt the free navigation of the waters. The penalties for obstructing or injuring such marine tunnel are a fine not exceeding $5,000 or imprisonment not less than sixty days, nor more than one year, or both, besides paying the amount of damage.

THE M'GARRAHAN CLAIM.

An Adverse Decision in the Supreme Court—The Case Hardly Defective.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—In the Supreme Court to day, the case of JACOB D. COX, Secretary of the Interior, *vs.* The United States *ex rel.* MCGARRAHAN, error to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, was decided to-day. The facts of the case are familiar.

Mr. Justice FIELD now delivered the opinion of the Court, reviewing the present and past litigations of the claim at great length, and holding that MCGARRAHAN'S case is radically defective, because he does not allege, and show that the land claimed is not mineral land, and it is said that without this allegation and proof, the case is as unmeritorious as if no allegation of purchase in good faith and for a valuable consideration had been made. The Court below erred in giving judgment for the relator without any hearing on the merits of the case, even though it was invested with jurisdiction to take cognizance of the case, but it was wholly without jurisdiction in the premises. The matter was solely for the judgment and discretion of the Land Department of the Government by its officers and agents, and it is only a purely ministerial act which the Judiciary may extend by mandamus. The Land Department in this case was called upon to take testimony and decide upon the evidence, which were acts of judgment and discretion. The judgment below was also erroneous, because it was against both the immediate and the successor to the office, when Secretary BROWNING vacated the office the proceedings stayed of course. Yet the judgment was not rendered until four months after Secretary BROWNING had gone out and his successor had been appointed. The judgment against Secretary COX was also erroneous, because it was without notice to him or opportunity of being heard. It is in every case requisite that parties shall be served with process, in order to give jurisdiction, but in this the Court neglected to direct Secretary COX to do an official act without any service, prior notice and information to him on the subject, thus depriving the act of having patents in a ministerial duty of the Secretary of the Interior. Primary application is to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Secretary of the Interior has nothing to do with it except on appeal. The duty of signing, sealing, &c., is devolved on the President and other officers prescribed by law, and is no part of the official duty of the Secretary of the Department. Judgment below reversed and the cause remanded, with directions to dismiss the petition.

Mr. Justice MILLER concurred in the judgment of reversal, but declined to express any opinion on the merits, not thinking the proceedings necessary to the determination of the case now presented. Private rights, as affected by treaty in the United States, are not concluded until the treaty is ratified.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP DONAU.

The steamship *Donau*, which left Bremen Jan. 26, and Southampton Feb. 1, arrived at this port last night. The mails, including letters and papers, are later by two days than those at hand by the *Java*, and were received at the office of the TIMES at 1:30 this A. M.

M. JECKER, whose name is well known in connection with Mexican bonds, has been ordered to appear before the Court of Chancery to be cross-examined in regard to his claims upon the Credit Foncier of England. M. JECKER claims £500,000 damages for breach of contract.

M. JOSEPH HAUSSMANN, uncle of the late Prefect of the Seine, and a very large house owner in Paris, has just died at the age of 74. His illness led to a false report that his nephew was dangerously ill at Nice.

The Duke DE BROGLIE'S funeral service was performed with very little pomp at the St. Clotilde Church. The hearse was drawn by only two horses. The pall bearers were MM. DARU, GUIZOT, THIERS and General CHANGARNIER.

Everybody must remember the attempt of the Pole, BEREZOWSKI, to assassinate the Emperor of Russia on the occasion of his visit to Paris in the year of the Exhibition. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to capital punishment. At this point the Czar interfered, and begged for a mitigation of the sentence. BEREZOWSKI was saved from the guillotine, and condemned to penal servitude for life. The *Daily News* now learns that he escaped the other day from the French penal settlement in New-Caledonia. After three or four days he was recaptured in a state of complete exhaustion. He had not tasted food for fifty-two hours, and under the pressure of his sufferings, although he has been kindly treated, his mind gave way, so that he is now almost idiotic.

The Committee of the Israelite Alliance has issued a protest against the renewed persecutions of the Hebrew races in Roumania. Even in the towns many trades are now closed against the Jews, and quite lately the right of attending public auctions has been taken from them. The Committee professes great indignation at the debate of the 20th and 22d of December in the Roumanian Chambers, and declares the measures taken against the Israelites to be contrary to the forty-sixth article of the Convention of 1866, which guaranteed to all the non-Christian inhabitants of the Principalities the full enjoyment of all civil rights. They conclude by announcing their intention to appeal once more to the great Powers who signed the convention.

A fearful tragedy occurred Jan. 28, in the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore, in Paris, a lady named LOMBARD, residing at No. 18, having been murdered by her footman, who also dangerously wounded the lady's maid and the cook. The man during the day had had an altercation with his mistress, and when at about six in the evening she ordered him to serve the dinner, he rushed at her with a knife and cut her throat, killing her on the spot. The two female servants came to the assistance of their mistress, and in the struggle which ensued one was cut so severely that her life is despaired of. The murderer, who is a Belgian by birth, and is believed to have been at the moment in a state of intoxication, was eventually secured by an upholsterer living in the house, and was given into the custody of the Police. A terrible detail in connection with this crime is that the husband of Mme. LOMBARD is stricken with paralysis, and saw his wife murdered before him without being able to afford her assistance.

CONSTITUTIONAL FRANCE.

A New Press Regime—Circular of Minister Ollivier.

The following circular has been addressed by M. EMILE OLLIVIER to the Procureurs-General of the Imperial Courts of France:

PARIS, Jan. 28.

A complete regime governing the Press implies three different orders of arrangement—those relating to competency, those relating to the conditions of publication, and to the police regulations of printing. The law which the Government has just submitted to the Corps Legislatif refers in no way to repression nor to conditions of publication; it only deals with the question of competency. It is, therefore, indispensable that we should indicate to you in what spirit you should apply those regulations which, having a character essentially political cannot, so long as they are in force, to be adapted to the fundamental principles which govern all our proceedings. It is only possible to give but general indications. You will have to determine for yourself in each particular case the course which shall appear to you most prudent. In all publications you will distinguish between the part which is intended for publicity and that which is devoted to polemics. You will carefully watch the scrupulous observance of all the laws which tend to insure the honesty and exactitude of that which obtains publicity. Thus you should allow no fraudulent accounts to be substituted for the official report of the Chambers, nor that an *acte d'accusation* should be published prematurely, nor that a journal should be exposed for sale until it has complied with the precedent material conditions, nor that a commencement should be refused insertion, nor that by any irregularity there should be any infringement of the material regulations to which all publications are subjected. In such matters there is no question of the freedom of the human mind, nor of the rights of conscience, but simply of good faith and loyalty, of respect for the laws. In cases where publicity has appeared contrary to the public interest—for instance, when it deals with the internal deliberations of the Council of State—you will not allow the established prohibitions to be violated. In the part of the paper devoted to polemics you will distinguish the articles which are the expression of opinions, or theories and of individual doctrines, or which contain criticisms of the acts of Ministers from articles which may assimilate to real acts. However reprehensible the first mentioned may appear to you to be, whatever may be the form in which they may be produced, fitting or otherwise, moderate or impassioned, excessive or restrained, you need not regard them at all. You will not tolerate the last mentioned unless they are in all respects conformable to the law. The reason for this distinction is obvious. There is no crime of opinion. That which is material can do nothing against that which is immaterial; error has no other judge—can have no other master or controller—than truth. To an opinion one can only oppose an opinion. To an *acte*, on the contrary, an act can be opposed to punish or prevent it, according as it is contrary to or in conformity with the precepts of justice and the exigencies of moral order. Consequently, you will search and every newspaper article which, constituting an offence at common law, may be considered as an act committed rather than an opinion expressed. In the first rank among articles having this character you will place those which contain outrages against the Emperor, apologies for crimes or legal offences, or direct provocations to disobedience of the laws, to commit crimes or offences, and particularly to seduce soldiers from their duty and the obedience which they owe to their chiefs. For the same reason you will give cordial assistance to citizens who may complain of defamation or attacks against their private lives. Before the tribunals you will insist that slanderers shall be visited not so much by imprisonment as by heavy pecuniary damages to those assailed. It is to be regretted that this mode of repression, the only efficacious one against slanderers, should not yet have been introduced into our judicial customs. You will apply to public meetings the same rules as to newspapers. You will vigilantly maintain the material regulations concerning the summoning and the holding of meetings, and you will not allow the repeal of clauses in a disguised form. As to the speeches which are delivered, you will take no notice of them unless they involve an offence of the kind I have pointed out. You will attach more importance to the speeches which are destined for publicity in the newspapers than to those which will have no echo beyond the meeting at which they are spoken. In short, you will leave to the good sense of the public the police of moral order, and the task of checking the outpouring of ill-regulated ideas which have lately been put forth; but neither in the streets nor in the newspapers, nor in public meetings, must you permit any acts of a nature seriously to compromise material order or to trouble social peace. Until the *Cour de Justice* shall be invested with the function of dealing with Press offences you will not hesitate, should it become necessary, to apply the existing jurisdiction. The course of justice must not be interrupted by a project of reform, and so long as a law has not been promulgated it remains in full force. I am certain, M. le Procureur-General, that you will zealously assist us in the difficult mission we have accepted. You will be encouraged in so doing by a sense of your responsibility, and also by the thought that there is no glory to equal that of laboring for the consolidation and the defense of free powers.

Receive, &c., the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice and Religion,
EMILE OLLIVIER.

OCEAN TELEGRAPHY.

Meeting of the Shareholders of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

From the Times, Feb. 2.

A special general meeting of this Company was held yesterday at the London Tavern, Captain A. T. HAMILTON in the chair. A report presented stated that, under the present agreement with the Atlantic Company, the Anglo-American Company were entitled, each year, after the payment of the working expenses, and interest on the Atlantic Company's bonds, (not exceeding £7,000,) to receive of the earnings of the cables £125,000, less one-half of the expenses of extraordin

TENNESSEE.

The Spirit of the State Democracy as Illustrated by its Works—The Constitutional Convention—Its Illiberal Action and that of the Legislature.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1870.

The spirit and temper of Tennessee Democracy is fairly illustrated in the proceedings of our Legislature and Constitutional Convention, both now in session at Nashville. If it were not for the wholesome respect and fear the two bodies entertain for the Republican majority in the Congress of the United States, there is no telling to what extremes they would go. Enough has already been developed in the proceedings of both the Legislature and the Convention to show that illiberality and meanness hold sway in the counsels of both bodies. There are some good men to be found in both organizations, but, like Sodom, there are not enough to save them from general contempt and destruction.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature has now been in session some four months, and the State is in a worse condition than ever before. Its leaders have talked frequently and loud about the reforms they were to inaugurate, and the relief they would give to alleged radical abuses. On all important subjects its action has been cowardly and proscriptive. It began its deliberations by pledging that the resources of the State should be applied faithfully to the payment of its obligations. It followed this public promise by legislation, the inevitable and intentional result of which was to deplete the Treasury entirely, and prevent the officers of the State from collecting revenues with which to pay the interest on our bonds, or the matured bonds themselves. While professing honesty and fidelity to its pledges, it reduced the revenues and practically repudiated its written promises to pay. While professing economy and refusing to appropriate moneys actually needed to protect the interests of the State, it remains in session week after week, and by its incompetency and indolence, increases the burdens of taxation and aggravates the evils it was empowered to cure.

OUTRAGES AND MURDERS.

Middle and West Tennessee is overrun with masked midnight robbers, who kill defenceless, unarmed negroes and whites who have the courage to denounce their outrages or differ from them politically. Almost within sound of the Capitol these disorders prevail to such an alarming extent that the better men of that section are discussing the propriety of organizing Vigilance Committees. When Republicans had control of the State these disorders were said to grow out of the proscriptive measures they were charged with enacting; but now, when the franchise is as free in Middle Tennessee as in the repealing wards of New-York City, these outrages increase and multiply, and no sufficient efforts are made to arrest them.

CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Soon after the assembling of the Legislature a memorial was presented to it, signed by one of the most active and influential Conservatives in the State, in which certain alleged misapplications of public money were recited. The memorialist charged, with specifications, that some $93,000 of public money had been misapplied or stolen, gave the names and residences of witnesses by whom such charges could be sustained, and charged that he believed a full investigation would disclose the misapplication of many thousands more. The corruption referred to was notorious and startling in its proportions. The memorial was read before both the Senate and House, and committees were appointed to investigate. Some weeks after, those committees were discharged without ever having taken one single step in the investigation, and the Legislature excused its failure to investigate upon the ground that the memorialist was making it a "personal matter" in prosecuting his charges, and that it could not participate in "personal quarrels." Assuming the truth of the matter set up in the excuse, was ever such a confession made before by a deliberative body? The charges were preferred by one of the ablest lawyers and most prominent citizens of the State. There were facts stated making a *prima facie* case of gigantic fraud. The transactions referred to had been discussed in the political campaign last Summer, and in the Press of the State. The Legislature had been elected on pledges of reform and to expose corruption, and yet when the facts in one case were fully presented, it refused to notice them. Which is the more reprehensible, the original fraud and plundering, or this attempt of a public body to protect and defend it? This is one instance of its want of moral courage and integrity. I might give other evidences of its inefficiency, but the general indignation provoked by such acts is enough to condemn it.

EDUCATION.

The last General Assembly recognizing its duty to foster and encourage education, and the great and good results certain to follow, provided a liberal and wise system of free schools, which under the judicious management of General JOHN EATON, was successfully inaugurated. The system may have had some faults, but I think on the whole was one of the best I ever examined. Certain it is that under very disadvantageous circumstances good schools were provided in every county where the people took any interest in seconding the efforts of their County Superintendent. In every such county the system met with favor and worked admirably. But it was the work of a Republican Legislature, and if permitted to stand, would surely have strengthened and enforced the Republican Party. Education would have encouraged progressive and liberal ideas, and these would surely rebuke the proscriptive and malignant legislation of Tennessee Democracy. Free schools and a temperance law would as surely secure the overthrow of this Democratic Legislature as Christianity overcomes cannibalism. So one of the earlier acts of our enlightened Legislature was to wipe from our statute books the Free School law and give the poor children of the State over to ignorance and their prejudices. With no State Superintendent of Schools, and a school law which gives over to the counties the whole question of free schools, I think our poor children have as much prospect of obtaining an ordinary education as have the children of the nomadic Indian tribes. There are about 300 poor white children in Knoxville to-day without any school facilities.

THE UNIVERSITY AT KNOXVILLE.

The last General Assembly passed a law appropriating to the East Tennessee University at Knoxville, the proceeds of the sale of the land scrip donated to the State by Congress. The fund amounted in all to about the sum of $400,000 in Tennessee bonds. The act of Assembly granting this fund to this University, provided that certain conditions should be complied with before the fund would be paid over. One condition was that the University should purchase and hold a certain amount of real estate, and provide buildings for the accomodation of a certain number of students. The trustees in carrying out these conditions in good faith, expended about $60,000, the original endowment of the college. After fully complying with the conditions of the law, some $643,000 of Tennessee bonds were turned over to the trustees, stamped payable to their order. Last Fall a Faculty of some twelve or fourteen Professors was engaged, and other contracts made necessary, to meet the requirements of the law. Some two months ago this enlightened Legislature sent a committee to Knoxville charged with investigating the condition of the University and ascertaining whether the conditions of the law were complied with. That committee, after careful investigation, found the University well managed, and that the trustees had in good faith fully complied with the law. Notwithstanding this the Legislature now proposes to repeal the law and tak from the University the entire fund, or at least two-thirds of it. In open violation of a public law and fair contract fully complied with, the University is to be robbed of its fund and left with lands and buildings purchased to carry out the part of the covenant. That part of the law providing that the children of Federal soldiers should have the preference in appointments for the three free scholarships given each county was likewise repealed. The secret of this perfidy on the part of the Legislature is that the East Tennessee University is in a legal section of the State, and under the direction and control of a loyal Faculty and Board of Trustees. This Board of Trustees, four-fifths of whom are Southern gentlemen, unfortunately chose several of the Faculty from States north of the Ohio, and this has been one of the gravest charges made. The Congress of the United States, with a liberality truly commendable, gave to Tennessee a certain portion of public lands—substantially public money. That money was from the people of the United States, over two-thirds of whom reside in the Northern States. Because a portion of that money was proposed to be expended in paying Northern men for their labor, it was considered a sufficient provocation for this act of perfidy. This is more than ingratitude—it is baseness.

IMMIGRATION.

In perfect harmony with this legislation, one of the earlier acts of the Assembly was to repeal the act to encourage emigration. It has seemed to me, from all I have been able to learn of the temper of this liberal and wise body of statesmen, that before they adjourn they will provide money to build a great wall about the State, and imitate the Chinese in their efforts to protect themselves from the liberal, progressive ideas which seem to prevail everywhere but here. They fear to open up the State to men of intelligence and enterprise, but seek rather to grant them "estates upon conditions"—to hamper and restrain them by unfriendly and unchristian legislation.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

But there was reason to expect something better from men assembled for the responsible duties of making a new Constitution. In this day of progression and enlightenment it was hardly supposed that such a body would show an illiberal, proscriptive spirit worthy of the Mexican or Spaniard. I have not time now to review their unfinished task, but of one thing, in perfect harmony with the legislation I have recited, it is proper I should write. We have now a Judiciary, elected last Summer, for eight years. To get rid of this department of the Government and put in its place a partizan Judiciary of their own school, was one of the leading objects of the Convention. If they had vacated all these offices and given the people the privilege of choosing new ones under the same qualifications required in the old Constitution, the partizan feeling would have been the worst feature of the change. But in East Tennessee where Republicanism has its strong hold, some of the present officers might be reelected. In the First and Second Judicial Circuits, two worthy young lawyers were elected last Summer as Attorneys-General, who were unfortunate enough to have been born in the State of Ohio. They have discharged their duties satisfactorily to the people and might probably have again asked for their suffrages. They had resided in the State three years and were qualified under the Constitution as it has been for thirty-five years. But it was feared that those who might oppose them in the proposed election before the people, would fall if they fought upon their merits and upon an equal footing, so our grave constitutional body concluded they would make a special provision for such an emergency, and accordingly they have added two years to the qualification for the especial benefit of my two Ohio friends who are thus reminded that now it requires a five years residence in Tennessee before it is considered safe that they should aspire to office. We have on our Supreme Bench a carpet-bagger, who, in face of the strongest prejudices, has given such satisfaction to the Bar and the people that it is now considered necessary to disqualify him from again holding the place by the five years provision referred to. It is unnecessary that I should comment on such action of a Constitutional Convention. It is not hard to predict the impression such a policy will make on all fair-minded men North and South. Tennessee needs no great Chinese wall to mark her boundaries, or define her policy. Such legislation as I have referred to will soon encourage and foster a spirit so mean and unchristian as that enterprise and capital, so acceptable to liberal people in every other clime, will be repelled from her borders, and leave her fields and cities at abodes for the illiberal, unmanly spirit now being enkindled. By one sweeping provision this same body proposes to vacate every office in the State, save Governor and Members of the Assembly. The excuse for thus uncalled for change is that the present Judiciary and officers were not elected by the people. They were elected by the qualified voters of the State, and have as much right to hold their places as any officers elected in any Southern State since the war. It may be that there are some incompetent men now in office, but there certainly will be more after the next election if the spirit now manifested is triumphant. The President of the Convention opposed this removal now, because he said there were brave men who followed him in the "lost cause" who were not now eligible to hold office, and he did not want an election until a Congress would be elected that would remove their disabilities. But the proposition to vacate our entire Republican Judiciary passed, and we are to have a new election in July. I have stated facts enough, I think, to show the spirit of our new Democracy. If the people of the State do not rebuke such a policy, I do not see what hope there is for peace and prosperity.

OMEGA.

The New Projectile as Fortress Hamon—Something Similar to it in Shoulder.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Under the head of a "New Projectile" you give a description of an invention now being experimented with at Fortress Monroe. During the war in the Crimea an English schoolboy sent to the Duke of NEWCASTLE, then Secretary of War for England, a drawing of a projectile, which he called the "Avenger." It was a small cannon really, being an elongated cylindrical projectile, loaded with powder and grapeshot; and to keep the projectile right and foremost a heavy iron plug was inserted as wadding over the shot. The ground taken was that when a shell burst its fragments went in all directions, and only some parts were likely to do any damage—while the "Avenger" would enable artillery out of range to throw grape and canister shot into an enemy's ranks with as much accuracy as they could by ordinary practice at short range. The drawings are, no doubt, filed at the English War office to-day. VERATIS.

The Cost of the Militia—A Protest from a Taxpayer.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I notice that there is a bill before the Legislature to purchase some seventy acres at the north end corner of Central Park for the use of the First Division, N. Y. S. N. G. Will you not use your efforts to defeat this enormous job? If there is not a great change our City militia is likely to become a most costly affair. What with armories and their fittings up, parade grounds, &c., poor owners of real estate will have to suffer another "turn of the screw." If this parade ground was of any real use we might submit, but at most it would only be used once or twice a year. Now, as it has been proved time and time again that militia are only of service to quell riots, and then in no larger bodies than regiments, it would seem useless to expend millions of dollars for the sake of a few days' "training." I would modestly ask of our "same warriors" if they don't think this militia business is being pushed a little too far even for the health of the various organizations? I would submit whether making excursions and giving balls are objects for which these organizations are maintained. Three good and full regiments, to which the higher officers should be appointed, not elected, were worth more for real service than all the regiments we now pay for.

A TAXPAYER.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 12, 1870.

Americans in Paris.

List of Americans registered at the office of BOWLES BROTHERS & Co., No. 11 Rue de la Paix, Paris, for the week ending Jan. 27, 1870: New-York—Mr. C. W. Crane, Mr. C. B. Rogers and family, Mr. E. S. Bloss, Mr. Eug. Masehand, Mr. S. B. Solomon, Mrs. Julius Ives, Mr. Isaac Sherwood, Jr., Mrs. I. Sherwood, Miss Nora Sherwood, Mr. Wm. Sloane, Mr. O. H. Shepard, Mr. F. W. Meyer, Mr. E. J. Woolsey, Jr. Boston—Mr. Murray Forbes, Mr. G. B. Gardner, Mr. A. H. Hall, Mr. F. Gordon Morrill, Mr. C. B. Brigham, Dr. M. Rosenstein, Mr. C. B. Eustis. Philadelphia—Mr. Jos. Wyatt, Dr. G. M. Prevost. St. Louis—Mr. Jas. Richardson. Milwaukee—Mr. E. P. Mitchell. Detroit—Mr. Jesse, Mr. Smith. Hartford—Mr. C. E. Glover. Massachusetts—Mr. J. W. Clark and family. Cambridgeport—Rev. Chas. Brooks and family. Salem—Mr. C. A. Davis and family. Albany—Mr. P. Hatteraich and family. Montreal—Mr. Taylor, Montreal. Mr. A. L. Chaffee, United States Consul, Antwerp—Mr. Jno. Wilson, United States Consul, Cork—Mr. R. G. Eastman and family. Eddermalster—Mr. John Lewis.

SANTA CRUZ.

Our Prospective Possession—Climate and Inhabitants—The Peculiarities of the Latter—New Year's Dances.

From a Special Correspondent.

CHRISTIANSTAD, Santa Cruz, Jan. 14, 1870.

Southeast of Porto Rico, and south of St. Thomas and St. Johns, there lies in the warm waters of the Caribbean the little island of Santa Cruz. Its longitude is 19° W. east of Washington, the same, or nearly the same, as that of Halifax; its latitude is 17° N. north of the equator. Over it blow warm breezes from the east and south, giving it a temperature so cool and equable as fully to warrant the title applied to it, "The Eden of the West Indies." The thermometer, during the Winter months, ranges between 70° and 80° above zero, making it comfortable at any time in the day to drive or walk over the mountains or along the beach through the avenues of palms which line the coast. This is the island which, according to the preliminary negotiations between Denmark and the United States for the sale of St. Thomas and St. Johns, is to be "thrown in," in case Secretary SEWARD's bargain be ever ratified by the Congress of the United States. Popular feeling on the island is unmistakably in favor of the transfer, and the hopes of the inhabitants are as sanguine now as ever. Only a few days since, an intelligent, educated Dane informed us that the Governor had lately received dispatches from the Government of Denmark to the effect that the half-consummated treaty would certainly be ratified, and that the sale of the three islands was only a "question of time." The prosperity of the island is at a low ebb, and everywhere the question most anxiously put to the Americans in Santa Cruz is, "When is your Government going to take possession of our island?" The principal business of not a few on the estates, and in the towns seemed to be, not to make the best of what is at hand now, but sluggishly to wait the "good time coming," when, through the infusion of American energy, peace and plenty shall reign again.

POSITION OF THE ISLAND.

Santa Cruz is twenty miles in length, and seven wide in the broadest part. A low range of mountains extends through it from east to west. It has but two towns, Christianstad and Frederickstad, the latter at the western extremity, and the former about seven miles from the east end of the island, and on the north coast. A coral reef runs nearly around the island, making the entrance to the harbor winding and intricate. The fort which guards the port of Christianstad is furnished with cannon, and other military supplies, and is thoroughly garrisoned. The principal use of the Danish soldiers is to keep in subordination the negroes, whose awe for uniformed soldiers and steel bayonets is very great. Judging from external appearances, and from the show of military power sometimes made, one would think the island well guarded and the garrison ready for a vigorous defence. It is, however, all outside show. During the late war between Denmark and Prussia, the Governor of Santa Cruz, fearing a bombardment of the town by a Prussian frigate, called a council of war, and ordered the officer in command of the fort to prepare the cannon to sweep the harbor if any hostile vessel should approach. "Why, Governor, the guns can just stand on their carriages now. I would not dare to fire one of them off. A discharge would certainly kill more of our soldiers within the fort than Prussians outside of it." The Governor, however, insisted that in case of an attack the cannon should be fired a few times "for the sake of the honor of the island." I lately visited the outer fort which defends the immediate entrance to the harbor. There was but one gun within the fortification which it would be safe to fire, the remaining five being over a hundred years old, and serving simply to give a threatening aspect to the ports. The ammunition consisted of two pounds of powder and a dozen or more hand grenades. The entire plan of defence is a supreme farce.

ITS PRODUCTIONS.

The fertile portion of the island is divided into estates, about a hundred in number, and devoted principally to the cultivation of sugar cane. During the rebellion in the United States a few estates commenced the raising of cotton; but it never proved profitable, and has been abandoned. In the barren and mountainous portions of the island the raising of stock is carried on extensively. The negroes on the estates receive ten cents a day, besides a few fish and a small quantity of meat each week. Men and women work together in the fields, wielding the same implements and doing the same work.

THE LANGUAGE.

Although the island of Santa Cruz has long belonged to Denmark, yet the English language prevails, the Danish being confined to the soldiers and Government officials. Most of the estates are owned by English and Irish gentlemen, some of whom reside here and some at home, intrusting the management of their estates to attorneys on the island. The population consists of about 22,000 black and 1,500 whites. The negroes are very superstitious and decidedly wanting in modesty. The obeisance of the times of slavery still manifests itself, especially amongst the old servants. On New Year's Day we witnessed the heathenish dances with which they still celebrate that festival. Around a gaudily-dressed queen, black as ebony, gathered a crowd of five or six hundred men, women and children, dancing to the most hideous music, tossing aloft their arms, swaying to and fro their turbaned heads, and moving in continuous procession through the principal streets. Not until late at night did they cease their barbarous music and their still more barbarous songs.

NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

The custom of making New-Year's calls prevails here as at home. The knights of the various orders appeared in uniform, many of them with swords clanking at their sides. At noon we called on His Excellency the Governor, Hon. WILHELM LUDWIG BIRCH. A tall, stately Dane, a statesman in his look and bearing, dignified, and yet warmly courteous, he appeared a fine type of that hardy, courageous people. The floor of his reception room was uncarpeted, but beautifully polished. The walls were hung with paintings, among which were life-size portraits of King CHRISTIAN and Queen LOUISA, of Denmark. The Governor talked of President GRANT's Message, and of the financial condition of the United States, expressing great doubts of our Government's finding it possible, for some years to come, to fund the debt at a lower rate of interest than the present bonds bear. He spoke of Denmark as a nation which had never yet failed in any of her pecuniary obligations, and said that he hoped the United States would fulfill, in the spirit in which they had been presented and accepted, all the promises made.

THE CLIMATE.

For persons afflicted with pulmonary diseases Santa Cruz offers advantages to be found nowhere else. The climate in the Winter is delightful. Cool breezes blow through the open windows, and the air is fragrant with the sweetness of fruit and flower. The walks and drives about the island are full of novelty and beauty. Whether on the sandy beach of the sea, or upon the cool mountain heights; whether under the avenues of palms, or amid the orange groves—everywhere warmth and comfort come to the consumptive, renewing his strength and healing, when healing is possible. A gentleman, who has spent Winters in Florida, California, Minnesota, New-Orleans and the warmer latitudes of Europe, pronounces the climate of Santa Cruz to be superior to that of any or all of them; and only regrets that he did not settle here years ago, instead of running in search of comfort where comfort cannot be found. A. E. L.

A Peculiar Pickpocket Arrested.

For some time the attendants at church funerals have been mysteriously fleeced by adroit pickpockets, and the complaints became so frequent that Capt. KELSO of the Central Detectives detailed two of his most efficient officers to the task of circumventing the thieves, if possible. Yesterday [illegible] the funeral of [illegible] at the church of Rev. [illegible] Twenty-seventh-street, when Detectives JAMES DAY and [illegible] saw a man, who has just been released from Sing Sing Prison at Charlestown, Mass., where he served a term of five years, and who is a notorious pickpocket. It does not appear that the officers detected the man in any crime, but they considered his presence in such a place suspicious, and took him to Eldridge-street Station-house, where he will have been lately robbed of valuable articles are invited to call and see if they can identify them.

CURRENT NOTES.

MONEY is in Richmond—not in Cuba.

Maine has spent $[illegible] for the 672 miles of railway.

The Republicans of Alabama will hold a State Convention in Selma on the last Tuesday in June next.

WENDELL PHILLIPS has declined the invitation to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard College at the next commencement.

Fifty pupils have already entered the Illinois Asylum for the Blind. It was reopened on the 20th of January.

The Richmond *State Journal* is teaching the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates how to pronounce Powhatan in a few easy lessons.

South Carolina elected a colored man as Associate Justice of its Supreme Court only for an unexpired term, which ends on the 20th of June next.

Ex-Governor WALTER HARRIMAN opens the campaign for the Republicans in New-Hampshire by speaking in Hampstead this afternoon. To-morrow night he will speak in Concord.

Sadness, a Boston writer thinks, belongs especially to idle people, to professed humorists, whose business it is to make others laugh, and to agitators.

The New-Orleans *Times* reports that the preliminary trial trip of the "pneumatic car" in that city was satisfactory, demonstrating the principle with its draught power and attainable speed.

Leading citizens of Wisconsin, headed by Governor FAIRCHILD, have called a meeting in Madison to-morrow to organize a State Academy of Arts and Sciences upon a substantial pecuniary basis.

The Petersburg (Va.) *Courier* deprecates any factious opposition to Governor WALKER, saying he was elected by Democratic and Conservative votes, and they are bound in good faith to give him a cordial support.

The New-Orleans *Times* is responsible for the statement that after a partridge had been killed and laid on a table in a kitchen, in that city, its mate fluttered in, and after many hop-pings and maneuvres took a place beside its dead companion.

J. W. MARSHALL is the last man who first discovered gold in California, and as he is old and feeble and compelled to work for his board and clothes, a Colorado paper calls upon all the miners to "make up a fifty cent contribution for him."

Several Missouri gentlemen have given $10,000 to endow a chair in Washington College, to be called the Missouri Professorship of Applied Chemistry; and Brevet Major-General WILLIAM S. HARNEY, U. S. A., of St. Louis, has subscribed $1,000 for the endowment of the chair of its President, General ROBERT E. LEE.

The Baltimore *Sun* says that the movement to reunite the States of Virginia and West Virginia is supported by citizens of both, regardless of politics, and that it will be brought before Congress before the close of the present session. But Richmond and Wheeling papers say the *Sun* is misinformed.

At a religious meeting at Allenburg, Canada, on Sunday night week, an old man arose, and calmly said he had but a short time to stay, and was determined to live in such a manner as to secure an entrance to Heaven. He sat down, but in a few minutes again arose apparently ill. A friend near him caught him as he was falling, and in a few minutes he died.

A South Carolina paper is pleased by the judicious manner in which the munificent bequest of CALEB DORSEY, of Maryland, for the relief of the suffering poor of the South is being distributed. It says $1,000 has been sent for a school in Charleston, and $1,000 to a young lady of Columbia for distribution, at her discretion, to the poor of that community.

A call has been issued for a State Convention of Democrats in New-Orleans, La., on the 4th of March. The New-Orleans *Picayune* opposes one clause of the call which proposes a union with the National Democratic Party, saying it is not satisfied that there is any such party in existence, and also that, as the subjects to be considered are merely local in their character, it is not advisable to mix with them national issues.

A colored man was found dead in bed in Indianapolis on Friday morning. In bed, when a boy of 16, he was shot, and the bullet entered near the base of the nose and passed upwards. The post mortem examination showed that it had lodged within a half inch of his skull, after passing two inches through the brain. Since the shooting he has been afflicted with epilepsy, but has otherwise been healthy.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* declares that it is the West, and not the East, that is the South's most determined and cruel antagonist at home and abroad, and it suggests that the Southern people, planters and merchants, show their power by ceasing to purchase meat from the West for thirty days. It thinks that a combination of this kind, lasting for only one month, would cause hams and bacon sides to tumble to fifteen cents.

A man was found guilty of conspiracy in St. Joseph, Mo., the other day, and fined $10. Then his alleged co-conspirators were tried, and they were acquitted. The counsel for number one then moved a new trial, on the ground that he could not of himself be guilty of conspiracy, but the counsel for the State argued that the acts proved against him were unlawful and merited punishment, if the offence charged had not been proved. The Judge overruled the motion for a new trial, and the case was appealed.

A young lady recently applied for and obtained a clerkship in a dry goods store in Concord, N. H., and availed herself quite freely of the privilege of buying at cost price any goods she wanted for her own use. At the end of two months she resigned, and very soon after she was married, as was also her sister. It has since transpired that she accepted the position merely that she might buy cheaply the liberal supply of dry goods so mysteriously necessary on such occasions.

The Columbia (S. C.) *Phœnix* says that the Northern Democracy must not undertake to prescribe to the South their party attitude toward the negro, and on this question at least the Southern Democracy should claim a controlling influence. It is weary of the negro in politics, and it says that when the Southern Democrat goes before the country with the acceptance of the citizenship and the equality, at the ballot box and before the law, of the colored man, "he must mean what he says. The good faith and ancient honor of the Southern gentleman are involved, and these will be maintained."

There was a meeting held in Petersburg, Va., the other day, to nominate a candidate for Judge, and among those present was one of Lee's veterans. The meeting was so large and so noisy that it was found necessary to make the veteran stand in line to count them. The line being somewhat irregular, one of the tellers cried out, "right dress!" whereupon our veteran exclaimed, "Look here, Mister, if you are going to start another war you must count me out. I've had enough of that sort of thing;" and with a spring to the rear he made double-quick time away for his home, and then his vote was lost.

The Philadelphia *Press* says: "Just before leaving Boston, Prince ARTHUR sent to Miss MINNIE SHERMAN, daughter of General SHERMAN, a chaste and costly gold medallion, having his likeness on one side and that of Queen VICTORIA on the other. Accompanying the gift was a delicately worded note, in which the Prince regretted that Miss SHERMAN would accept the medallion as a token of his appreciation of the generous hospitalities he had experienced at the house of her father, and as a slight tribute to the beauty of American women, of which she was so striking an exponent."

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Boiler Explosion in Thirty-third Street.

A Boy Scalded Injured and Two Men Severely Scalded—Great Destruction of Property—Statement of Losses and Insurance.

About noon yesterday, JACOB TROUT, engineer of CHAMBERLAIN, SON & Co., pork packers, at No. 317 West Thirty-third-street, was seated in his boiler room eating his lunch. This room is at the northeast corner of the building occupied by the firm, and is not more than five feet square, and contained nothing but a small tubular upright boiler. As TROUT sat in the corner of this contracted space furthest from the door leading to the engine house, he was suddenly startled by a terrible noise, and the next instant a mass of iron came tumbling through the roof, and, grazing the edge of the door, partly filled the doorway. TROUT was for an instant paralyzed by the concussion of the air, but recovering his physical powers before he comprehended what had occurred, walked unharmed from the little room where he had escaped a terrible death in a manner so miraculous as to be almost unprecedented. The boiler of the steam pork factory of A. J. DRUMM, situated in a small shed in the yard adjoining, had exploded, had risen high in the air, had struck and passed through the roof of CHAMBERLAIN, SON & CO., and cleared its way through the boiler room to alight at the foot of JACOB TROUT, leaving him unharmed.

Others who were in the vicinity at the moment of the catastrophe were not so fortunate. JOHN DONELLY, the engineer, who was in the boiler room, was scalded and burned, and a similar fate befell two Russian Jews employed in the factory. Both of these, however, escaped with whole bones and superficial hurts, and WILLIAM WRIGHT, the young bookkeeper of the concern, was the other victim of the disaster. The Twenty-first Precinct Police, quickly on the ground under charge of Sergeant JAMES, bore him from the place of danger, and, after a search of twenty minutes, found the unfortunate man of prodigious girth, bruised and mangled flesh, and conveyed him to the Mt. Sinai Hospital, where the surgeons declared that he could live but a few hours at furthest. HUSSEY was taken to Bellevue Hospital, and DONELLY, after having his wounds dressed at the Station House, was conveyed to his home, No. 504 West Thirty-third-street, almost opposite the factory.

Meantime the explosion had scattered coals over this combustible establishment and the whole of the four-story brick building was a mass of flames. The firemen were quickly on the ground, but very powerless against a fire that had received such an impetus in the beginning. The house burned rapidly and was very soon a complete wreck, and the flames communicated to the four-story brick building, No. 513, adjoining on the east, occupied by KUNNEL & STUCKENHOLZ, dyers, and by JAMES FITZSIMMONS, carpet-cleaner, as a laundry. This house was also entirely wrecked, and a portion of the east wall falling over upon the roof of the one-story brick house No. 511, which is unoccupied, did some slight damage to the building. The losses from the fire are as follows: DRUMM, in stock, $10,000; on which there is insurance for $7,000. In the "Merchants" and Shoe and Leather companies, the latter of Boston, FITZSIMMONS lost $2,000 and is uninsured. KUNNEL & STUCKENHOLZ's loss was not estimated, as the amount of stock they had on hand was not known. The building was owned by GEO. W. CHAPMAN, and the loss on them will be about $30,000, the first being wholly destroyed and the latter greatly damaged. The loss of CHAMBERLAIN, SON & CO. is confined to the hole made in their roof by the descending boiler, and will not exceed $600, which is covered by insurance.

The cause of the disaster has not yet been definitely ascertained. The engineer was too much injured to give any account of the affair, but it was generally rumored around the scene of the calamity that at the moment of the explosion he was seen to throw out a red stone. The boiler was tested in August last, and was licensed to carry seventy pounds, so that it seems to have been close upon its maximum. The boiler was a small one of ordinary locomotive construction, and had been used for some time. There will be a thorough official investigation of the calamity.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN.

Judge Hitchcock's Opinion Concerning the Proposed Lease to Erie—Financial Condition of the Road—What O'Donovan and Gould Did for the Road.

The New-York and Ohio Courts having sanctioned the leasing of such portions of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway as are within their respective jurisdictions to the Erie corporation, the parties in interest are now endeavoring to obtain the consent of the Courts of Pennsylvania to the leasing of the remainder of the line. The case came up for argument in the Supreme Court at Philadelphia on Saturday before Judge REED and his associates, Judges SHARSWOOD, AGNEW and WILLIAMS. Messrs. TILDEN & CUTLER appeared on behalf of the motion to suspend execution of lease, and Judge STRONG and Mr. FRANKLIN B. GOWEN for the Atlantic and Great Western Company and mortgage bondholders. The Erie Company was represented by Messrs. JAMES B. GOWEN, GEO. W. BIDDLE and FREDERICK A. LANE. The case excited great interest, the court room being densely crowded. Mr. FRANKLIN B. GOWEN having suggested the necessity of taking the testimony of Judge HITCHCOCK, the receiver of the Atlantic and Great Western, the Court appointed General CULLEN as Commissioner, Judge HITCHCOCK, being duly sworn, deposed as follows:

I am operating the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad under appointment by the Courts of New-York, Pennsylvania and Ohio as successor to Messrs. GOULD and O'DONNELL. I have had very considerable experience in the management of railroads, having been connected with the Management of the Atlantic and Great Western for fifteen years. The Atlantic and Great Western was in good condition when I assumed control. Messrs. GOULD and O'DONNELL had expended the intervening sums in improving it, and, judging by the tremendous work done upon the road, I should say it was in good condition when GOULD and O'DONNELL received General POTTER's control, but as soon as their administration was at an end we found it was secured by the lease under consideration, as far more than could be realized by the road if run separate by the operation of the road by a receiver. I have no doubt that if the Erie Company should take the lease in question, unless the lease be forfeited, which I think it will be impossible for me to do, the road will be in better condition than it is at the present time, and sufficient to pay expenses; the payment of the employes is now in arrear some $[illegible]; arrearages of rent due the Mahoning Road amount to about $[illegible]; the Erie Company will pay the rent of March to save the forfeiture, the Mahoning Road also claims about $[illegible] on rolling stock; there are some pressing debts amounting to $[illegible] or $[illegible]; the Erie Company will be able to pay bills and expenses for January, amount to about $[illegible], of which only $[illegible] has been paid; I have also $[illegible] in bonds, which will be delivered to the Erie Company; the expenses of the road lease to the Erie Company have occasioned no much embarrassment in operating the road, and have put the employes to great distress; Mr. GOULD has advanced $[illegible] towards the payment of the rent, and $[illegible] towards the payment of the employes, that the Erie Company also will have to make good; the Erie Company also made cash advances to the old receivers to the sum of $[illegible], the most are secured by the lease; the Erie Company will do everything all in its power to encourage them to hold on until the lease is executed, when they will be paid in property, as I understand the receivers to be. The employes now, the employes are all in favor of the lease to Erie.

In concluding his testimony Judge HITCHCOCK said:

I have thoroughly read the articles (as made under consideration, and I think, as near as I can judge, that the amount of rent to be assumed, the price of the supplies and the guarantees for the performance of the contract by the Erie Company are in the highest degree for the interest of the creditors and all interested in the welfare of the Atlantic and Great Western Road; that the proposed lease is a good one, and that it will be as much for the interest of the creditors to lease the road as to operate it by any other means; I have carefully examined the lease, estimating the gross earnings at $[illegible], and the expenses at $[illegible], and the earnings which would be secured to the Erie Company, of the road, whose expenses are about $[illegible]; I think of the road, whose expenses are about $[illegible]; I think of the road, whose expenses are about $[illegible]; I think

to establish a case against the defendants, whom the Company should have instituted this case against a civil criminal.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Board of Aldermen—The Contest for the Representation of the Tenth Aldermanic District Decided.

Long before the hour named for the meeting of the Common Council yesterday, the halls and stairways leading to the chambers of the two Boards were thronged by a most motley and miscellaneous crowd. It appeared that the Committee on Privileges, who had under consideration the case of Gerrit vs. Gunther, having completed their deliberations, were expected to make a report, and that the very large body assembled outside were desirous of hearing it. At 2 P. M. the doors were opened, and every available place in the chamber and the lobby was filled to a very few seconds. After an invitation to prayer, the Eleventh Regiment National Guard, on WASHINGTON'S birthday, had been sent and accepted, Mr. MILLER presented the report of the Committee on Privileges in the case of GERRIT vs. GUNTHER. A portion of the report had a private conference. On hook a rumbling the report was again taken up and read through.

It recites the evidence given before the Committee (already published) upon all the charges in question, being fraud and corruption in the canvass of the ballot, &c., and states that in the case of 12 quarts a ballot is not to be rejected, evidently been committed by altering the number of votes given for each candidate, but that the Committee were quite unable to determine by whom such fraud was perpetrated. To the report was appended a resolution to the effect that Hermann Gunther be seated as the member from the Tenth Aldermanic District, now occupied by F. W. GUNTHER.

The report and resolution were adopted, seven men voting for them, and Messrs. CUNNY and WARD against them.

Mr. WARD then moved to lay Mulgrew pavement in Chatham, Sullivan, Prince, Eldridge and Ludlow streets, and authorizing the Croton Department to make contracts for laying the Robbins wood pavement in Fourth and Fifth streets, between and Washington streets.

The resolution to widen Fulton-street between Broadway and Church-street, by taking in one half of the sidewalk on the north side, was adopted.

The Board adjourned to Monday next.

Meeting of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. RILEY in the chair.

The Street Commissioner was directed to report by what authority the Knickerbocker Ice Company are widening the pier foot of Leroy-street.

The City Budget (estimate of expenses of the City Government) for 1870 was received from the Mayor, Board and Comptroller, and referred with [illegible]

The Comptroller was authorized to draw his warrant in favor of THOMAS COWAN for services in keeping of Seventy-fourth Park on Sundays, from the 6th of June, 1867, to the 3d of March, 1869, at the rate of $2 per day.

The Board then adjourned to Thursday next.

Shooting.

The thaw of yesterday melted both ice and shooters' expectations. Sunday's cold snap was of no avail, except to give the City a whiff of freezing atmosphere that it has long been in need of. On Saturday and part of yesterday the Harpers Ferry protected a tolerable surface, but at Hackensack and at Bergen the sun was warm, the rain came. This season has been a sad one for dealers in skates; those who bought heavily have lost more than half their profits. There are just fifteen days more of Winter.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Motions will be heard at 10 A. M., when not otherwise specified.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Shipman.

STATE COURT.

In the matter of the Petition of Abraham Hickok et al. for a Writ of Certiorari to Review the Proceedings of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, and Samuel A. Coffin, Supervisor, &c.

This petition shows that upon the petition of several of the Assessors of the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, and Samuel A. Coffin, Supervisor, &c., the relators have, by order of the Supreme Court, been admitted bankrupts, and that the said Clerk is now prosecuting an assessment for taxes against the petitioners, in violation of the express statute of the United States, in commencing the same against the petitioners, and proceeding on the matter of their application; that prior to the institution of the present suits in bankruptcy in the District Court, the said Clerk had sued the relators in the Supreme Court of the City of New-York, upon his partner, Hickok, for an alleged balance of the business of the firm, which suit was discontinued by the said Clerk, and the said Clerk now sues the relators for the same claim, in the Supreme Court, and if he, in what court, to issue writs of prohibition to restrain the Supreme Court from the exercise of the jurisdiction of this Court; and that the said Clerk commenced proceedings against the relators before the Board of Assessors of the Town of Fishkill, for the purpose of obtaining a review of the assessment, which the said Board refused to grant, on the ground that the said Clerk had commenced a suit against the relators in the Supreme Court, and that the said Board of Assessors, in the same action, the said Clerk, by his attorney, has sued out a writ of certiorari, and has obtained a writ of prohibition to the Supreme Court, to prevent the exercise of the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the said Clerk has sued the Board of Assessors in the Supreme Court, and has obtained a writ of prohibition to the Board of Assessors, to prevent the exercise of the jurisdiction of this Court;

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Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Cavendish, Manning, and Miss Blanche Roosevelt, Miss Howitt, Mrs. Wright and Miss Green.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
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Broadway, corner 13th-st.
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23d-st., near 5th-av.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The search for the suspected conspirators continues in France, and many arrests have been made.....Another suit against *La Marseillaise* has been instituted for publishing false news. ROCHEFORT, in a respectful letter to the Prefect of Police, claims the right to send articles to his paper without submitting them to the keeper of the prison....The proceedings in the British House of Lords last night, had relation to colonial matters....DION BOUCICAULT has brought a suit for libel against the London *Saturday Review* for describing him as an "associate of blacklegs and charlatans."....The weather was cold and rough on the British coast on Sunday and many marine disasters are said to have occurred....The Preston cotton Mills, Lancashire, are resuming work, after having been stopped by business depression.... A protest against the Papal syllabus will be made by Prussia, it is said, if the other European Powers join in it....Senor BECERRA'S resignation of the Spanish Colonial Ministry is spoken of as a probable consequence of a recent hot debate, growing out of the removal of a subordinate.

CUBA.

A Havana dispatch announces the arrival of Mr. SEWARD at Matanzas. Several persons implicated in the Greenwaldth assassination have been arrested. A schooner, with arms for the insurgents, is reported to have gone ashore and fallen into the hands of the Spaniards, the crew escaping into the interior. General SANTA ANNA had arrived at Havana, *en route* for Vera Cruz, but his journey in that direction was barred by the Captain-General, who insists on his leaving immediately for anywhere else. The Captain-General desires to avoid violating international law.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday the credentials of the Georgia Senators elect were taken from the files and referred to the Judiciary Committee. Messrs. MORTON and FENTON made personal explanations in reply to a circular charging them with favoritism in the management of the Printing Bureau. They denied the charges, and an inquiry by the Committee on Printing was ordered at their suggestion. Bills were introduced providing for the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment, for the erection of a bronze statute in honor of the late Secretary RAWLINS, and for other purposes. Among the resolutions offered was one for a $5,000 appropriation to purchase an oil painting of the late President LINCOLN; and in reference to the removal of the Branch Mint from New-Orleans to this City. The bill providing for an increase in the salaries of the United States Supreme Court Judges, was reported with amendments from Committee. The Mississippi bill was then taken up, a motion for a postponement being defeated on a tie vote of 34 to 34 by the Vice-President deciding in the negative. In the discussion which ensued, Messrs. HOWARD, MORTON, CARPENTER and YATES took part. No vote, however, was reached, and pending the discussion at 4:30 P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session and subsequently adjourned.

In the House, after the presentation of various petitions, a large number of bills were introduced, among them the following: To charter the New-York Submerged Railway Company with power to construct a tunnel under the North River; to reorganize the Judicial Districts of this State; for "additional bounties to discharged soldiers now in the civil service;" to provide homes for the homeless in the late slave States; to repeal the Test Oath act; to fund the public debt at a lower rate of interest; for a constitutional amendment to allow Congress to issue legal-tender notes, and to amend the act in relation to a steamship line to the Hawaiian Islands by extending it to Australia. A resolution instructing the Banking and Currency Committee to report a bill increasing the currency $50,000,000 was offered by Mr. LOUGHRIDGE. The House refused to table the resolution by a vote of 72 to 92, and the morning hour expiring it went over under the rule until next Monday. A Committee of Conference was ordered on the appropriations for the Military and Naval Academies, the House not concurring in the Senate amendments. Mr. MINOR introduced a Currency bill, which was referred or a substitute for Senator SHERMAN'S, which passed the Senate. Mr. LOGAN made a long speech in support of his resolutions favoring Cuban recognition. A resolution of inquiry was adopted as to the reported proposed repeal of Spanish ship-of-war in this City. A motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of voting on the resolution for a new rule in regard to contested election cases, introduced by Mr. PARKS the Monday previous, was rejected by a vote of 108 to 76. In Committee of the Whole the Legislative Appropriation bill was again discussed. But little progress was, however, made, and at 4:40 P. M. the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

Advices from Paraguay by way of Lisbon represent the Allies in pursuit of LOPEZ, who is now said to be retreating.

A horrible murder was committed in Norfolk County, Va., a few days ago, by a negro, named LEGURE, and some members of a family. LEGURE had punished a boy in his employment in a brutal manner, and fearing prosecution, followed the lad into the woods, and, with the help of some members of his family, cut the boy's tongue out and put an end to his sufferings by cutting his throat. The murderers have been arrested.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided yesterday, in Philadelphia, in the case of Dr. SCHOEFFER, convicted of murder at Carlisle, that the question of the guilt or innocence of the prisoner could not be considered, and they were unable to discover any error in the record of the Carlisle Court, whose decision is therefore confirmed.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the correspondence with General TERRY during the reorganization of the Georgia Legislature, in relation to his powers under the Reconstruction acts.

A Duluth dispatch contradicts the rumor that surveys on the North Pacific Railroad have been suspended, and alleges that three surveying parties are pushing the work forward under the direction of General SPAULDING. On the same authority we learn that ground is to be broken at the Dalles, near Duluth, to-day.

The Senate Committee on the Judiciary reported favorably, by a majority of one, yesterday, on the nominations of Messrs. BRADLEY and STRONG for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

Private letters received in Washington confirm the reports of the continued ill health of ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, of Georgia.

The McGarrahan case was decided yesterday in the Supreme Court, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, which was in favor of the claimant.

Both branches of the Georgia Legislature yesterday passed a resolution to vote to-day for United States Senators, for the term ending 1871, 1873 and 1875.

The Boston Board of Aldermen yesterday passed a resolution abolishing the detective police system, which has long been in disrepute there.

Ex-Supervisor VOORHIES was shot down on Sunday night in a liquor saloon in Brooklyn and died yesterday. His assailant, WM. CHAMBERS, was arrested and locked up in the Raymond-street Jail. Great excitement was caused by the event among the people of South Brooklyn, who assembled in great numbers, declaring their intention of taking CHAMBERS from the jail and lynching him. The Thirteenth Regiment was held in readiness during the evening to suppress any riotous demonstration, which, happily, did not occur. At midnight all was quiet.

It was reported yesterday that all the fraudulent drawback claims connected with the alleged guilt of SAMUEL T. BLATCHFORD had been returned from Canada, where they were sent to be used as evidence against RICHARD B. CALDWELL, and that they had been filed in the District-Attorney's office. It is probable that they will soon be used for framing the indictment for conspiracy found against BLATCHFORD by the Grand Jury.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution, presented by the Committee on Protests, giving Mr. NICHOLAS STORR the seat in the Board representing the Tenth Aldermanic District, now occupied by Mr. J. W. GUNTHER. The Board also resolved to widen Fulton-street, between Broadway and Church-street, by taking in half of the sidewalk.

A boiler explosion occurred yesterday in the factory, Nos. 513 and 515 West Thirty-third-street. One man was killed and several injured. Two factories were destroyed by the fire that ensued, and the adjacent buildings were badly damaged.

A meeting of the property holders on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street, between Third and Sixth avenues, was held last evening at Washington Hall, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street and Third-avenue, at which it was resolved to oppose their assessment for the purpose of defraying the expense of laying the Fisk concrete pavement.

St. Thomas and San Domingo.

The St. Thomas and San Domingo treaties hang doubtful in the Senate, and the islanders themselves are still more doubtful "under which King" they would "speak or die." It is now months, and even years, since King CHRISTIAN took formal farewell of his West Indian possessions, after the Seward-Rasloff protocol had been drawn and signed. In this document he freed the islanders from their allegiance, and commended them to our care. We need not recall the circumstances which have caused delay in the Danish treaty, but we shall express the hope that the Senate will not be in haste to reject St. Thomas in order to accept Samana.

Rightly considered, the Danish and Dominican treaties cannot be regarded as mere rival sealed bids on an enviable contract. We admit that our own original aim was a single one,—to acquire a naval foothold in the West Indies, which should consist of a sheltered harbor, fitted by its situation and surroundings to be a repair station and coaling depot. We shall admit, also, that St. Thomas, Samana or St. Nicholas Mole would singly have furnished us in this respect with all we desired. But, when the bargain was begun, there was no talk of rival bidding, and when it was ended, none such had been made. The Dominican Envoy who informed us that his Government had reconsidered its rejection of our old offer for Samana, reached Washington only on the 7th of January, 1868—but two years ago. Now the Danish treaty was signed and submitted to the Senate a full month earlier, namely, the 3d of December, 1867, and to the Rigsdag soon after. In the latter body, the Folkething, or lower house, ratified it early in January, and the Landsthing, or upper house, followed suit, if we remember aright, before the end of the month, or, certainly, early in February. It is clear, therefore, that the two treaties were entirely independent; and, besides, the unquestionable fact that we begged for St. Thomas and St. Johns, and had San Domingo and Samana thrust upon us, should have its weight in a doubtful case.

But there is another view of the subject, and one still more important to consider, in the light of economy, which at the same time does not trench on the disputed point as to whether our honor is at stake by the pledge of national faith. This point is the relative willingness of the Danish and the Dominican islanders to join the United States. Disguise it as we will, the latter have been, say, not to say cool, to our advances. Why is it that BAEZ was for two years forced to give out that he was opposed to annexation? Why did CABRAL make his strongest point, as an insurgent, on this ground? Why did he call on the "heroes of the Cavralie," and call successfully too, to oppose annexation and BAEZ? Why did BAEZ wait till the public purse was exhausted before consenting to replenish it by the sale or lease of Samana Bay and peninsula? And why, finally, do we hear of Haytians now offering their swords to help to put down BAEZ?

There can be but one answer, and that is, that annexation is thus far unpopular in San Domingo. It may be favored in the cities, but it is feared and detested in the country. BAEZ says that he can get a popular vote in its favor, which is doubtless true, just as NAPOLEON III. can carry a French election; but the sentiment of the people is doubtful or hostile. Contrast this with the famous vote in St. Thomas, where the "blue ticket," for annexation, carried everything by ten to one, or with the feeling in Santa Cruz, where, as the correspondent whose letter we give in another column, says, "popular feeling is emphatically in favor of the transfer, and the hopes of the inhabitants are as sanguine now as ever." This letter suggests the moral of the whole story,—that annexation of an island willing to come is economy, but annexation of an unwilling island is bad economy in the end, whatever the first or contract cost.

An Historical Parallel—The Danger Before England.

M. THIERS, in his recent speech to the French Corps Legislatif on the question of a higher tariff on English goods, drew an historical parallel which must have often occurred to students of history, and which is by no means comforting to the pride of England—between the Holland of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and Great Britain of to-day. At that period, as is well known, the Dutch Republic, like the present English Monarchy, had spread its roots to the most distant soils. It had explored with unexampled hardihood the Arctic regions; it had founded colonies in India, the Indian Archipelago and Japan, and possessed almost the entire trade with the richest tropical islands. It had secured footholds in the West Indies, and seemed about to control the North American Continent by possessing its most important river and its best harbor. The Dutch Republic could justly boast, in those centuries, of being the Queen of the Seas; her sailors, in daring and skill, were without equal, and her merchants showed such enterprise and wisdom that they soon held control of all the vast carrying trade from the East to Europe.

Holland stood in commerce, in experience of colonizing, and as a well-tried and victorious naval Power, as England does now. Like the inhabitants of that storm-beset island, the Dutch were sailors almost by nature; and in struggles with the ocean or in battles on the sea they showed a pluck which nothing ever seemed to subdue or bend. Like England, Holland also became a great centre of capital and manufacture. Though a little country, she was the richest and, financially, the most powerful in Europe. The vast warehouses, and rich cathedrals, and spacious dwellings, and costly galleries, which yet survive, show what an immense wealth was once stored up in those Dutch cities, as similar results of riches bear witness now to the prosperity of England. For a time the finance of the world centered in Holland, as it does now in England. She was the money changer and money lender of Europe. Her manufactures, too, in laces, woolens, arms, steel wares and costly products of art, flooded, like the English, the whole civilized world, and were exchanged for the most distant products of India and America. She had, as Great Britain has now, most experienced manufacturers, with vast capital behind them, and a population of skilled and industrious laborers, who could surpass all other nations in the economy and efficiency of their production. Yet, with all this remarkable success in commerce, colonization, manufacture and accumulated wealth, her position was, as THIERS observes of England now, and for similar reasons, an insecure one; by no means so solid, as the French statesman remarks, as that of France, which was so much behind her in material success.

In one most important respect, the position of Holland in the seventeenth century was much stronger relatively than that of Great Britain in the nineteenth century. The Dutch Republic had no vast *proletaire* class, and no population of paupers and criminals increasing at a prodigious rate, which the State could neither relieve nor get rid of. She had no such tremendous questions to solve as national education, the treatment of pauperism and a fair division of land. There was no rebellious Ireland threatening her; no dangerous under class ready to shake society to its basis; no such incredible divisions of class as divide England. On the contrary, her polity, like our own, was founded on popular education. Her "common schools" became the model for the New-England free schools. Her great men often came from the common people. In a moral and educational point of view, she had a better future before her in 1600 than England has in 1800. She perished or fell from her high position, undoubtedly because her soil could not feed her people. A single unsuccessful naval war stripped her of her supremacy on the seas and injured her commerce; a change of relations between different parts of the world destroyed her carrying trade; her colonies were lost, or their trade was competed with by other countries. With the decline of commerce came a loss of capital and a decline of manufactures, and in her reverses she had no agricultural interest to fall back upon, and gradually sank to the position of a feeble Power, while France, with not one-half the enterprise or the capital, being sufficient to herself in feeding her own population, steadily grew, and is now, as M. THIERS observes, on a more solid position than her wealthy commercial rival over the Channel.

The dangerous fact for England is that her resources lie so much outside of herself. Her soil does not feed her people, and she depends for her wealth on manufactures and commerce. Let a great naval war come and the English supremacy on the seas be destroyed, and her commerce for a time be annihilated, without internal agricultural resources, she would be obliged continually to consume her accumulated wealth. Vast bodies of laboring people would be thrown out of employ; the paupers and dangerous classes would become a countless horde; discontent or revolution would shake society to its foundations, and production be so impeded that England would soon lose its financial position and sink as Holland sank. Having more conflicting and dangerous elements of population than ever had Holland, her fall would be by no means so gradual or peaceful. The sun of England, when it does set, will go down in storms and disasters worthy of the glory of its meridian. That muscular and dogged people will die no peaceful or easy death.

We do not forget the claim of the English authorities, that their present commercial system renders their people more independent of agriculture; and that the unworn vigor of their stock will enable them yet to bear many reverses. All this may put off the evil day, but if the past has any lessons, the fate of Holland is before England.

Technical Education for the People.

We are glad to find that our educational authorities are becoming thoroughly awake to a subject vitally affecting the industrial future of the country. We have not far to seek for examples of the danger attending a neglect of the scientific training of artisans, and of the immense advantages to be gained by a timely attention to it. In less than ten years the workshops of Continental Europe have so successfully invaded England's peculiar province of engineering and machine construction, that they have not only driven her products from their own markets, but have managed to compete with her at home. Two generations of training have left the British artisan only a clever handicraftsman, while a fourth of that period, devoted to a thorough and popular system of technical instruction, has given his continental competitor a power of skillful and ready adaptation which, by the admission of Englishmen themselves, threatens at this moment to oust them from the industrial supremacy of the world.

Before the end of this century our own manufacturing interests will have attained dimensions for which the history of European industry offers no precedent. In laying its broad and deep foundations, therefore, it is above all things necessary that we should bend all the energies of our national system of education to the creation of a race of intelligent and well-instructed workmen. This subject has been very ably and comprehensively treated by Professor BAIL, of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale College, in a reply to certain queries addressed to him by the Massachusetts Board of Education. He insists very strongly upon the social as well as the economical aspects of the question. No one who has observed the growing distaste of American boys to learn a trade can fail to admit the force of the Professor's remarks about elevating the "intellectual and moral condition of our artisans." It is profoundly true that "the more mind a man brings to bear upon his business the more respectable and self-respecting he will become;" and in touching upon an aspect of the question seldom attended to, such a remark is worthy of the most careful attention.

Professor BAIL properly maintains that scientific culture cannot begin too soon. A child of five years old is capable of learning to draw, and the training of hand and eye should be as indispensable a portion of our public school teaching as any of the branches at present considered rudimentary. Correct ideas of form and symmetry underlie all industry as well as all art and critical taste. No people can have a more precious heritage than a capacity for enjoying objects of beauty, and appreciating the perfection of adaptation. The system that gives us this, benefits society by adding to its command of the most enduring kind of pleasure, as well as its ability to produce the greatest industrial results with the smallest expenditure of useless labor.

Tennessee Democracy and Their Road to Ruin.

Flushed by their temporary triumph, the Tennessee Democracy seem to be animated by but one desire, namely, to sacrifice the State on the altar of party. The two law-making bodies now assembled at Nashville under their control,—the Legislature and the Constitutional Convention,—are, according to our Knoxville correspondent, remarkable mainly for their illiberality. It would appear that there is not salt enough in either body to save it from corruption and contempt. All this is, of course, pitiful in the extreme. Tennessee ought to become the Pennsylvania of the West. Its broad area, bringing it alike in contact with Northern markets and with Southern, and uniting it in interest at once with East and West,—its network of railroads, present and prospective, connecting the Mississippi Valley with the Atlantic coast,—its mineral and agricultural resources, its manufacturing possibilities as well as actualities, demand that its legislation shall be broad, liberal and steadily progressive.

What a sorry spectacle, on the other hand, Tennessee presents to-day! The Knoxville letter we publish elsewhere, describes the action of the present Legislature as at once "cowardly and precipitive." We are told that the State financial policy is substantially a repudiation of its written promises to pay; that incompetency and indolence in lawmakers have increased the burdens of taxation; that Middle and West Tennessee are, like some Mexican States, the haunt of masked, midnight robbers, who maim or kill unarmed people that may differ from them in political opinion; and that the mass of this community's ills would, almost to-day, be laid by the Journalists who drone and daily in the Capitol.

This short-sighted policy of the Democracy is the road to ruin for Tennessee. In that State, as in this City, no loud-mouthed professions of partisan allegiance or of hostility to "Radicals," can make professional incendiaries and murderers anything better than pests of society. But Tennessee seems to be taking lessons of Tammany, in whose school "reform" and "relief" mean party and plunder. We hear of one case in which an important Conservative memorial to the Legislature alleging that $90,000 have been "misapplied or stolen," is, with Podunkapian indifference, "waved away" as a trifle; we hear of the Eaton education system, giving the boon of free schools to Tennessee, expunged from the statute books, as a bit of Republican sentimentalism, although as one result "three hundred poor white children in Knoxville alone are to-day without any school facilities;" we hear of a proposition to strip the East Tennessee University of its pledged endowment, in direct violation of good faith and the State's formal promise, merely on account of the supposed political opinions or nativity of its professors; we note the repeal of the act to encourage emigration. And, in a word, the partisan base of the Democracy has apparently shown itself in nearly all the Winter's work of legislation.

The Constitutional Convention, also, seems to be a body worthy of its compeer, since its main act has been to effect a clean sweep of the Judiciary, in order to make way for "sound Democrats," not only altering the whole law, but vacating the existing offices. Such legislation may seem exceedingly shrewd to local politicians, but to observers at a distance it is the extreme of folly—short-sighted even as a party expedient, and ruinous as a public policy.

What Do We Want?

Although the new charter for reorganizing the Government of this City may not pass in its present shape, there can be no question that some measure of the kind will be put in force before many months are over. The Democrats must and will make us feel the practical consequences of their victory at the last election. But on this subject, as upon most others of any importance, their party is split into two sections. One side is convinced that the time has come for getting rid of the "heavy blow and sore discouragement" which the anarchy and corruption prevailing in this City have been to it. The other side would go on in defiance of public opinion to place every interest in the City, not already appropriated, under the control of the offscourings of the community. The present charter must fail because it is not satisfactory to either of these sections. When the next one is introduced it will be necessary for the Republicans in the Legislature to consider very carefully the course they ought to pursue.

What is it that we want? Broadly speaking, we want a much better Government than we at present have. We want a cheaper and a more efficient one. We want to break up the existing "Rings," and prevent the formation of new ones. We want a stop put to the wholesale spoliation of the public purse. These are great reforms to ask for, and it is unfortunately the opinion of many Republicans that it is quite useless to try to get them: if they did not think so, they would not make it a point to stay away from the polls. We cannot share this conviction. It may take time and trouble, but in the end the reign of dishonesty must cease, and we shall shake from us the curse which has sullied our good name, and placed us at the mercy of men who are less forbearing than an average band of brigands. For the attainment of this end, we should not scruple to act with any section of our political opponents for a time. Readers of Mr. CONDON'S works will recollect that he eagerly used any Tory vote he could get, provided he could thereby help forward his own liberal measures. That principle of statesmanship even the most powerful party cannot afford to ignore. It is, in truth, by tact more than by dashing warfare that the minor battles in politics are won.

Now, it is quite clear that the present divisions in the Democratic ranks may be turned to good account by our own party. It is given out, with some appearance of authority, that men so influential as Governor HOFFMAN and Mr. SWEENY are prepared to break away from the unscrupulous faction and join in the attempt to give this long-suffering City the blessing of a better Government. We only repeat a rumor—but it is a rumor which has nothing improbable on the face of it. Governor HOFFMAN must, if he is the man we once took him to be, long earnestly for any chance of placing himself again in a favorable light before the people. After all, honor counts for something; and there is great honor to be won by any man, or body of men, who will deliver a proud and opulent City from the deep disgrace which now rests upon it. Respectable Democrats may very reasonably feel that the present crisis is one which invites a departure from the course prescribed by the "Mike Nortons" of the party. They may desire to emancipate themselves from the degrading bondage of Tammany, and they are very likely to see that the proper opportunity to make the fight is over the City charter.

A Government based upon truly democratic principles—not Democratic in a party sense—would satisfy the bulk of the citizens. Let the people rule—not a set of base and unscrupulous cliques. Let the voice of the people be as potent in City affairs as in Federal, and act as quickly upon a misguided policy. It seems to be generally thought that we should approximate to this end more closely by placing one man at the head of the City Government, than by adopting an elaborate piece of machinery. Make the Mayor more largely responsible for the protection and good management of civic interests. We should then, at least, know "whom to hang" if flagrant abuses came to light. This is not a question of persons. The great thing to be weighed is the principle of action. The people would elect a man to be at the head of a municipality for a certain period. They would probably choose with some care, and, although a bad choice would of course be possible, yet it would certainly not be inevitable. We should not be saddled with the frightful evils which now press upon us. "We cannot afford to be plundered by wholesale and at retail. This roughshod riding over us has lasted quite too long." Never were truer words spoken, and, whatever extreme partisans may say, it is creditable to the World that it has dared to speak them. Now, shall we see any fruit of these promises?

Upon that point we are not over sanguine. Democratic feuds are generally capable of solution. "Take so much or lose all" is rather a forcible way of presenting the account when it comes to the last. The quarrel may only end in a redivision of the spoils. But, at least, let us lose no opportunity of keeping honest Democrats on the right road. If they break down before traveling far, the shame will not be laid at our doors.

We are glad to see that the Senate Judiciary Committee has reported favorably on the nominations of Messrs. BRADLEY and STRONG as Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. They are sound and strong men, with personal and professional characters so free from reproach that their elevation to the Bench will win for it increased confidence and respect. Now, will Senators forego their fondness for mere talk and squabbling, and ratify the nominations without more ado?

The crime committed in Fifth-avenue on Saturday night is still further calculated to convince the public, if they had any doubts on the subject before, that there is no kind of security for life or property now remaining in the City. We do not blame the Police. They cannot be in a dozen places at once—and the force is much too small for so large a City as this. But the responsibility for the lawlessness which now prevails rests with those Coroners, Magistrates and Judges, who have done all in their power to justify REYNOLDS' boast—that hanging for murder is "played out." A citizen of the highest respectability, honored in his profession, and well known for his chivalrous devotion to the public interests, is struck down close to his own doorsteps by unknown hands. Mr. DORMAN B. EATON has no enemies save those whose malice is excited by his exposure of their offences. He was not robbed—the assassins came up softly from behind and struck him a blow which was meant to kill him on the spot. Cutpurses, burglars and hired assassins have the greatest city in America at their disposal. Night after night fresh victims fall in the reckless butchery which the practical suspension of our laws has occasioned. If highwaymen do not set upon the decent citizen he is liable to have his life taken by a scoundrel in the pay of his enemies. How long is this murderous work to go on?

It were indeed unfortunate if the refusal of the House majority to lay upon the table Mr. LOUGHRIDGE'S resolution in favor of an additional fifty millions of currency could be fairly construed into a promise of renewed inflation. From that calamity the country may well pray to be delivered. We may go on and prosper without contraction; but further inflation now means business embarrassment and national disgrace. Congress cannot afford to give it the slightest encouragement.

The Democratic outcry against the Radical amendment of the Naturalization laws proposed by the Judiciary Committee of the House, is intelligible enough. Facilities for manufacturing citizens are as essential to the New-York Democracy as facilities for ballot-box stuffing and fraudulent voting generally. The great body of the community, who have no interest in knavery, desire a more creditable state of things; and every honest naturalized citizen as naturally desires that the privileges he enjoys shall not be unworthily or unlawfully extended. To check existing abuses, the first step necessary is to take from local Courts the power to naturalize, and to centre that power in Federal hands, where alone it properly belongs. We are not insensible to some defects in the House bill. But the principle on which it rests is sound. The adjustment of its details should not be difficult.

Mr. DRAKE, of Missouri, seems to be exercised in mind at the proposal of the Senate Judiciary Committee to admit Mississippi without the new "conditions" imposed upon Virginia. Mr. DRAKE is undoubtedly honest in his indignation, but we cannot think that it does credit either to his head or heart. The Virginia blunder was as mortifying as it was stupid and unnecessary; and the apparent disposition of Congress not to repeat it is to be commended, not criticised. The Senator is understood to complain of his fellow members as relenting and "letting down the bars;" but in his own State the same process is at work, and magnanimity is fast becoming, even there, the policy of the hour. It is not worth while to demand new guarantees where none can be had, and Senator FOWLER defended the Judiciary Committee on grounds of policy and justice.

The condition of the City Park is a perfect illustration in itself of our municipal government. Where snow falls, there it may lay for all that the "city fathers" care. Mud and dirt have no terrors for them. They wade up to their knees in slush in the effort to reach their own offices. Any stranger who comes to the City, and wishes to see an epitome of the government, cannot go a shorter way to work than to take a turn round the City Hall. He will find it surrounded with some very pretty specimens of our governing class, and standing in a sea of mud and water. If the officials do not care to keep their own house in order, we may be very sure they will not pay much attention to anybody else's.

Brooklyn is following up New-York closely. The rein having been given there also to all classes of ruffians, murders or attempted murders are among the commonest incidents of the day. Mr. VOORHIES is the latest victim down to the time we write—though our news column may possibly contain an account of further bloodshed. He was standing talking with some friends when a man named WILLIAM CHAMBERS deliberately walked up to him and shot him dead. The motive? There was none. The murderer simply says, "I don't know anything about it," while his friends say that he was "frenzied with drink." If you kill a man when sober, it is murder—if you wait till you get drunk before doing it, you have done no more harm than if you had shot a mad dog. That is Mr. CHAMBERS' doctrine, also Mr. REYNOLDS'. Drink or no drink, CHAMBERS ought, if the law is worth anything, to find that he decided his own doom when he fired at an inoffensive man. We shall watch his case closely. There is only [illegible] and it remains to be seen [illegible] But the blood that sinks from the [illegible] on others besides murderers who are caught red-handed.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce may be said to express the opinion prevalent throughout the West, when it denounces "a revival of the tariff," on the ground that a tariff "to foster monopolies and give special advantages to a comparatively select number of persons, is oppressive and unjust to the great body of the people, and will not be tolerated by any political party when the people are enlightened as to its operation." Nothing could be more true. The national protection which is framed primarily with a view to the wants of the Treasury, and incidentally asserts the interests of American labor, bears no relation to the organized monopolies which dictated the present tariff. Equally just is the condemnation pressed by the Cincinnati Chamber upon the Tariff bill now before the House, on the report of the Ways and Means Committee. "It renews and gives aggravation to odious discriminating characteristics" of the existing law, and is an insulting mockery of the people's call for relief from taxation.

The Londoners now want to have in their metropolis a yearly international exhibition of articles in the departments of the Fine Arts and the Industrial Arts—paintings, sculpture, textiles, fabric forms, books of education, rare plants and flowers, and a variety of other decorative and useful things. The contributions will only be admitted after selection by judges, and the space allotted will be free for each season of five months. Such a regular and diversified museum of beautiful things would greatly brighten the aspect of old London, and the example would not be lost on other capitals. Something of the sort would be very suitable to our own chief commercial cities where it could not fail to become a vast attraction and a powerful encouragement for all the elegant or utilitarian industries of our people.

Figures for the Fire Brigade.

It would be impossible to offer a more eloquent defence of the efficiency of our paid Fire Department than is contained in the brief array of figures which we published yesterday. No department of our City Government can point to a more triumphant vindication of the system of commissions than is presented in the four years' record of the Fire Brigade. The fact that while in 1866 there resulted from 706 fires a loss of $6,428,000, while in 1869 866 fires caused a loss of only $3,095,000, exhibits a saving of property to which it would be difficult to furnish a parallel, and which can be attributed to no other cause than an efficiency and a discipline which, under the old system, were wholly unattainable. If further evidence were required to condemn the old regime beyond hope of appeal it is furnished by the unanimous testimony which Philadelphia occupies in respect of losses by fire. In 1866, that city, with a population little if at all more than one-half of ours, had three times as many fires as occurred in New-York. The only disadvantage on the side of Philadelphia is the continued maintenance of the fatal miracle of a Volunteer Fire Department, and the argument in favor of the New-York system is therefore unanswerable.

A useful supplement to the report we have quoted from might be framed on the model of one just issued in the English metropolis. The author of the record is Captain SHAW, whose tour of inspection in this country may still be remembered. The volume consists mainly of 111 tables, embodying a most instructive series of facts which extend over a period of thirty-three years. The London Fire Engine Establishment, whose operations are here tabulated, was organized on the 1st of January, 1833, by the united action of ten insurance companies; and was transferred to the Metropolitan Board of Works on the 31st December, 1865, to form the present Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Its cost of maintenance during the first year of its establishment was $80,340, gold, and during the last, $120,095; the total cost during thirty-three years being $2,632,755. The total number of fires during this period was 26,069, showing an average of 790 per annum to an average population of nearly 2,000,000. The classification according to trades is arranged under no less than 343 different heads. We give a brief *résumé* of the chief of these:

Private houses	7,721	Stables	547
Lodging houses	3,327	Bakers	523
Public houses	1,227	Boatbuilders	522
Carpenter shops	1,164	Grocers	395
Cabinet makers	643	Tailors	344
Linen & woolen stores	710		

The value of such data as regulating the insurance risks involved in any given trade or occupation, must obviously depend upon the relative proportion which they bear to the total number of premises devoted to the business or purpose in question. Thus, for instance, though house occupied privately and by bonders make up thirty-five per cent. of the whole number of fires, the risk estimated by the total number in existence is very small. The total returns yield an annual average of fires in 221 inhabited dwellings, but as compared with the estimated total of 600,000, the entire destruction of 221 would only yield one in 2,708. But, of course only a slender proportion of these are totally consumed, so that a fair deduction on account of partial damage, would, it is estimated, show that an ample average might be had by counting on the total annual destruction of one house in 7,372. Now, the London insurance companies charge an annual premium of forty-five cents, currency, per cent. on private dwelling houses, which, without allowing for office expenses, would cover the annual total destruction of one house in 1,822. It is thus obvious that the class of risks in question are made to bear a disproportionately large share of current expenditure. The caution requisite in making deductions from such figures as are here presented, may be inferred from one example. Bakers, it will be seen, figure for 523 fires, while cabinet makers are credited with 643; but as the Post Office Directory contains 2,213 bakers, and only 718 cabinet makers, the risks of the latter are found to be nearly three times as great as the former.

The alleged causes of fires are arranged under 320 heads, but as local and distinctive causes influence their relative proportion, they are scarcely so instructive to us as other parts of the report. One would imagine that rudding in bed must be a tenacious habit in England, since "candle" and "curtains" head the list of causes, with a total of 6,045. "Gas" accounts for 3,225 fires, and various defects in chimneys or flues are set down as causing 3,405. Incendiarism is credited with 123 cases, and the origin was suspected for other 120. We are somewhat tempted to find lucifer matches forming the cause of only one and one-half per cent. of the total enumeration of fires; and no less so to see that paraffine and petroleum, since their first mention in 1860, have occasioned only a quarter per cent. of the fires which have happened since then. "Smoking tobacco," on the other hand, is made to answer for twelve per cent.

An interesting series of 365 tables contain the hourly, daily, weekly and monthly summaries of fires for each year of the thirty-three, and for the thirty-three years together. From these it appears that the smallest number of fires occur during the seventh hour A. M., the largest number during the tenth hour P. M. Recession by months the maximum is attained in December and the minimum in October.

It is announced that Lieutenant-General SHERMAN and staff will attend the ladies' annual reception of the Union League Club, which takes place to-morrow evening. Invitations have been sent to General GRANT and his Cabinet, to General SHERMAN, Admiral FARRAGUT and other distinguished army and navy officers, several of whom, we understand, will be present at a gathering which promises to be one of the most brilliant of the season.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

"HAMLET" AT THE OLYMPIC.

Thanks to the reputation of Mr. G. L. FOX, to the importance of a new place, to the popularity of the Olympic as the abiding place of genuine mirth, and last in consequence, though by no means least in importance, to the interests of merriment in shape of a humorous correspondence between Mr. FOX and his admirers, and thus, as usual, to the imagination and wit of Mr. DAN SPRONG, Mr. HAYES' theatre was filled last evening. Mr. DE LEON'S extravaganza of "Hamlet" was a complete success. Its progress was as smooth as though it had already reached its hundredth representation. Laughter and demonstrations of approval of the most genuine kind were the only interruptions to the rehearsal of the story of the new Jubilant Dane. Mr. DE LEON'S travesty is in two sets and numerous tableaux. It is done in rhyme of the usual order, and is plentifully supplied with puns. The tragedy is followed pretty closely, and many of SHAKSPEARE'S words are used—not too many, for in parts of the work of revision the original text, comically rendered, would have been more acceptable than some trivial language. But the newspaper's copy of "Hamlet" has, after all, so little to do with the triumph of yesterday's representation that we need not scan it too critically. The laurels were borne off principally by Mr. FOX, and to a less, though to no insignificant extent, by the good acting and singing of the whole company, and by fresh comedy and dismal. Mr. FOX, habited like Mr. BOOTH, was in dread earnest, with very few relapses into common burlesque acting, and exceedingly funny from first to last, because apparently without the slightest consciousness of being so. It would, of course require more space than is at present at our disposal to describe the points of his performance. His appearance on the platform of the tower, where the air bites so shrewdly that *Hamlet* wears a fur cap, cape and gloves, and draws blue woolen stockings over his buskins, is a fair specimen of a quantity of droll stage business, while his pleasant scene with *Ophelia*, with repeated steps from the sublime to the ridiculous, is to be mentioned as the most legitimately amusing portion of his *rôle*. Mr. FOX was in rare spirits, and each member of a very strong company shared his cheerfulness. Entertaining representations of *Claudius* and of *Polonius* were contributed by Messrs. MACDERMOTT and LESTER DAVENPORT, and a small *rôle*, that of *Guildenstern*, was endowed with special prominence by the power of grimace of Mr. G. F. KETCHUM. The other characters were distributed amid a host of pretty creatures, Misses BELLE HOWITT, MARIE LONSMORE, BLANCHE BRADSHAW and LAURA and JULIA QUEREE appearing in rich costumes, and lending to the representation the charm of their presence and of fresh voices. The singing of the Misses QUEREE was noticeable, and the sentimental ballads with which, we should add, that "Hamlet" is liberally provided, were agreeable as affording breathing time between the spells of uproarious laughter. Mrs. BRANDRAW was the Queen, and Mrs. WRIGHT embodied in one several healthful ghosts. The piece is advertised for repetition until further notice, and is likely to remain on the bills until Summer.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.

A lack of novelty cannot be complained of by the patrons of this establishment. Last evening there was another complete change of programme. The GOLDIN BROTHERS made their first appearance, and performed some singular and daring gymnastic feats. Mr. JAMES MADIGAN reappeared after an absence of three years, and Miss LUCILLE WATSON, a most accomplished equestrienne, was welcomed back to the scene of former triumphs. A new and brilliant pageant, entitled "The Four Quarters of the Globe" was produced, and the entertainment concluded with "Batouto" leaping and trick and somersault riding by the younger STICKNEY. The house was, of course, filled.

Musical.

"RIGOLETTO" AT THE ACADEMY.

The most numerous and most fashionable audience of the season witnessed, in spite of the storm and of several counter attractions, the representation of "Rigoletto" at the Academy of Music last evening. The performance can be declared the most successful of the season, and was the most symmetrical of VERDI'S very dramatic opera given here in some years. The fact that Miss KELLOGG and Signori LEFRANC and RONCONI took part in it, supplies the best explanation of its excellence. The talent and popularity of each of these artists suffices to make an entertainment in which any one of them cooperates satisfactory, at least, and their confederation, amid favorable circumstances, could have but the one effect. Miss KELLOGG was heard yesterday to especial advantage. Her voice gains continually in power and flexibility, and her style in finish and refinement. Miss KELLOGG'S acting progresses also, though it has scarcely kept pace with her improvement in the management of her voice. Last evening it would not have suffered by a deeper tone of emotion toward the close of the opera, but for simplicity in the earlier stages, and for earnestness and force throughout, it could hardly have been bettered. M. LEFRANC was slightly hoarse or fatigued, and had not its complete command of his resources as on those exceptional occasions when his execution is faultless, but the weakness was rarely observable, and his two songs were given with great finish and emphasized with a *destrezza* of bearing not to be expected of most tenors of his class. Signor RONCONI is at his best in "Rigoletto," where histrionic abilities, sought for in all the artists, and even in *Sparafucile*, must be possessed in a high degree by the representative of the jester. Signor RONCONI'S embodiment of *Rigoletto* is, as we need but hint, conspicuous for the actor's fitness to interpret dramatically the *rôle*, and in the varied situations of the story, and especially in those involving a discovery of the *Duke's* treachery, with the after incidents, the singer gave the words and music their fullest significance. The performance above-named had the cooperation of Miss LUREY as *Maddalena*, and of Signor BARILI as *Sparafucile*. It was accompanied by a great deal of applause, and the famed quartet and "La donna e mobile" were repeated, in deference to demonstrations of delight of unmistakable genuineness. To-morrow evening Miss KELLOGG sings in "Faust."

MR. AND MRS. GUZMAN'S CONCERT.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. FREDERIC GUZMAN, pianists, gave their first concert in this City at Steinway Hall, assisted by Miss JENNY LANDMAN and Messrs. MATZKE, BERGNER, SCHWARTZ and others. The programme was a full and varied one, comprising, in the instrumental portion, a concerto by MOZART, a fantasie by CHOPIN, BEETHOVEN'S trio No. 1, two grand marches of Mr. GUZMAN'S own composition and two of GOTTSCHALK'S Cuban dances. Miss LANDMAN sang an aria from "L'Africaine," a romance entitled "Dooloor Pasco," by Mr. GUZMAN, and MILLARD'S song, "Waiting." Mr. and Mrs. GUZMAN executed their portion of the programme most effectively, and were warmly applauded. Miss LANDMAN was in unusually good voice, and each of her songs was encored.

Cruelty to Animals—Appeal from Mr. Berger.

Mr. HENRY BERGH has issued an address to the public, in which he says the bill just introduced to the Assembly by Mr. BURNS, of this City, and amended in the Judiciary Committee, if it should pass, effectively extinguishes this society, and sanctions a return to the practice of all those cruelties on brute creatures which existed previous to its formation. Mr. BERGH makes a stirring protest against this, saying: "Christian men and women of this great City and State; you whose lives are guided by a sense of justice and humanity; you who daily share the blessings which these mute servants of our race procure you, and look to you only for protection from needless cruelty in return—are you willing that your Legislature shall deprive them of the slender protection which the present inadequate laws afford them? Are you willing that the barbarous scenes which once met your view, of animals bound and piled on top one another, and jolted over the stones like blocks of wood—the merciless pounding of the nervous horse with hickory cart-runes—the restoration of the dog-pit and the bear fight, along with the numerous other atrocities which disfigured our streets before the passage of the Abolition which had so long and so successfully combated them—shall all be revived?"

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

Some Account of its Observance—Facts, Fancies and Figures.

It is some thirteen hundred years since St. Valentine was beheaded, by order of the Emperor CLAUDIUS. On every anniversary of this gentleman's fate, young people delightedly pay their homage to his two principal characteristics of "love and charity," and more particularly do they take an oath of reality to the first of these his attributes. Perchance the portly old gentleman whose nervous system has received a severe shock when some hideous caricature, explained by caustic verses, has greeted his benevolent eyes, as he opened his letters on the day of this Saint's festival, might dispute the assertion. Instead of attributing the arrow to a random shot from Cupid's bow, his "prophetic soul" is apt to fancy that a much more Satanic individual pulled the string, and he is only too prone to illustrate his belief by a theoretic consignment of both sender and missive to its supposed originator. But be that as it may, it is certain that both Bridget in the kitchen and the "misses" in the parlor enjoy all the symptoms attendant on a severe case of "palpitation of the heart" when the busy postman stops before their door. And this latter gentleman, bearing literally the "burden of the day," is the only one who fails to appreciate its beauties and privileges.

It is a mistake to suppose, however, that the worship of this Saint is confined to a single day. The agony must be prolonged for days and more. Augustus, receiving the gilt-bedecked symbol from "Anonyma," cannot rest in peace until he has found out the sender and dispatched his answering token. Nor is this well-known Saint a mere

"* * * * Elfin, born of noble state,
And muckle worship in his native land."

"On the contrary, quite the reverse," as Mr. Sam Weller might have tersely put the antithesis, had this celebrated valentine writer been consulted in the matter. The most sincere worship of the popular Saint is in lands the most remote from the honored place of his nativity.!

Looking at the matter more practically, the valentine trade is increasing yearly. The number manufactured is greater this year than ever before. Because you have given up the folly, and with increasing wisdom and advanced years condemn the practice as "played out," it is no sign that others have adopted your belief. The younger portion of the community unanimously testify to the contrary. The largest manufacturer of valentines in this City states that his experience is that the worse the caricatures and the more bitter the words, the better do the comic valentines sell. He has this year disposed of about 40,000 gross of the "comics." One dealer alone took 1,500 gross. These are sold by the manufacturer for 50 cents a gross. Of the "sentimental valentines," varying in price from 5 cents to 75 cents, he will probably dispose of nearly 100,000, while of the "Fox valentines," varying in price from $1 to $50, he disposed of about 15,000 last year, and expects to increase the number this year. In 1867 he sold seventy-five at $10, twenty at $15, eight at $20, three at $50 and one valued at $100. The receipts from the sale of valentines amounted to $20,000 last year, and he expects to clear $15,000 this season. Complete statistics have not yet been made out and will not be until the sale is closed. Another dealer has disposed of over 2,944 valentines at prices above $5. This dealer has sold seventy-eight valued at $25. The probability seems to be, therefore, that so far as valentines have anything to do with the business, fully as many hearts will be cemented together and as many broken as ever, while those who can "see a joke will have had a fine opportunity, and those who can't may rage and fume and condemn the Saint and his votaries as much as they like for many years to come.

And still the world moves on.

OBITUARY.

Joseph Wesley Harper.

WESLEY HARPER, the third in order of birth of the four brothers, for a whole generation known as HARPER & BROTHERS, died early yesterday morning. He was born at Newtown, L. I., in 1801, and had thus almost reached the age of threescore and ten. When he was just coming to manhood, his elder brothers, JAMES and JOHN, had fairly established themselves as printers and prospective publishers. WESLEY, as everybody then and thereafter called him, joined his brothers, at first as an employe, and soon after as partner. He first undertook the charge of the composing room, as foreman and proof reader. Not long after, the business grew to larger dimensions, and the brothers divided amongst themselves the work to be done. To WESLEY was assigned the work of literary consideration and correspondence. He became in brief time one of the best correspondents known.

WESLEY HARPER really loved the work which he undertook. He made it a part of his life, but by no means the whole of it. What with children, kinsmen and their children, his family circle was wide, and no man more lovingly lived at home. Yet he keenly enjoyed his daily routine of business. He liked to keep up his knowledge of the practical work of printing. He would seize a brief space to run up into the composing room and read over the pages as they lay upon the reader's desk. In this way he became exceedingly well read in everything which relates to the current literature of the day.

WESLEY HARPER'S health had been somewhat impaired for two or three years before his death. He gradually made over the charge of his department in the business to his eldest son and namesake. Not quite a year ago his elder brother, JAMES HARPER, died in consequence of an accident. WESLEY, then in feeble health, never fairly recovered from this blow, which disabled the fair brotherhood which had lasted so long. For a while, indeed, he was seen now and then at "the office," with his old genial smile and cordial greeting to all friends. Then he was missed, and it was known that he lay stricken with disease utterly incurable—the only question being whether he should live a few weeks or a few hours.

The few hours grew to weeks, during which he lay on his death bed. Besides his own immediate family, he was earnestly anxious to see those whom he had known in business for a long course of years. Many of these—men and women—saw him during these last weeks. Each and all were fully aware that this meeting would be the last on earth, and yet to none was the parting sorrowful. They knew that he was ready for the supreme event. One fear indeed rested upon the minds of all. Such was the strong vitality of the man, that it seemed probable that life would be resigned only after sharp agony. This apprehension was not realized. Just as day had fairly broken, on the morning of Monday, Feb. 14, WESLEY HARPER passed calmly away from earth. His life was gentle, and could have no more fitting close. He passed from earth in the sure hope of a joyous resurrection. Living, he had no enemy. Dead, there is no one who can charge him with wrong.

Threatened Lynch Law in Brooklyn—The Military Under Arms.

As soon as the and news of the death of Mr. DOMINICUS S. VOORHEES, the details of whose murder are given in another column, became generally known last evening, the inhabitants of South Brooklyn, as if by common consent, assembled and marched in a body towards Raymond-street Jail, with the view of releasing CHAMBERS, the alleged murderer, for the purpose of lynching him. From mutterings heard among them, danger was apprehended of their breaking open the jail and carrying out their purpose. Information reaching the Sheriff, he took timely precautions and applied to the military for aid if it should be necessary, and the Thirteenth Regiment was ordered to hold themselves in readiness for any emergency. All was quiet up to midnight, the mob having separated and gone home.

Another Suicide at Newark.

A man named JOAN SCHMIDT, who had been employed at the zinc works at Newark, blew out his brains last evening in an orchard near the place of his employment. He had lost his occupation at the zinc works on Saturday last, and with the money which he received for wages drank freely during all of the night of that day and during all of the following day. He was yesterday visited by some sisters who have just arrived in this country from Germany. To them he expressed his desire to go to the West. They refused to supply it to him. He thereupon secreted in a mill in Harrison a pistol near the station, and then went to the orchard and blew out his life. Dr. DOUB, the Coroner's Physician, who was notified, gave a permit for the burial of the remains.

THE CONCRETE IN HARLEM.

Indignation Meeting of Property Owners on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-Street—Measures Taken to Obtain an Injunction.

A large number of the property holders on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street, between Third and Sixth avenues, met last night at Washington Hall, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth-street and Third-avenue, to reorganize an association having for its object the removal of the Flake concrete pavement. The business of the meeting was begun by the election of officers—WILLIAM G. MCLAUGHLIN for President, W. S. CRESSLER, Secretary, and JOSEPH A. DUBLEY, Treasurer. Mr. MCLAUGHLIN then read a copy of the Common Council ordinance granting to the Flake pavement contractors the right to lay the concrete on One Hundred and Twenty-ninth-street, between Third and Sixth avenues, and authorizing the assessment to levy a tax upon the proprietors of the lots on both sides of the street between those avenues. A copy of the assessment roll was next read, which showed that each owner was assessed at the rate of $219 68 for every twenty-five feet of property along that line, and contractors were to receive $4 50 per superficial yard and the inspector of the work was to be paid $3 50 a day for 131 days. The cost of surveying the street amounted to $697 41; inspection, $458 60; advertising $800, and collecting, $1,119 26. The total amount of the assessments to be made, as shown by the roll was $47,174 26. This exhibit will be presented to the Common Council for confirmation on the 1st of March.

When Mr. MCLAUGHLIN concluded the document, Judge C. W. VAN VOORHIS arose and pronounced the attempt to levy any such tax, especially for such a purpose as the present one, an outrage upon every property holder concerned. It is also unlawful, said he, inasmuch as the act of 1867 distinctly says, "Where a public street has once been paved at the expense of those owning property fronting it all future repairs thereto, or even the laying of new pavement, must be done at the expense of the county." This street had been thus paved and he felt that the action of the Board of Aldermen in attempting to make them pay for a nuisance in the shape of this concrete pavement was illegal. Decisions in similar cases, which had been tried in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts lately, were rendered to that effect. If then he were compelled to contest the matter single handed without the association of the other parties assessed, he would fight it out until the Court of Appeals decided against him. There are two courses, he continued, to pursue in the matter, and he was confident that they would afford the desired relief. The first was to present a petition or memorial to the Board, which was done last Friday, asking that body to have the concrete indicted as a public nuisance, and dealt with in the same manner as the Fifth-avenue pavement. The other was to employ counsel to carry the matter into the Supreme Court and pray for an injunction to restrain the Common Council from confirming the assessment.

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Condition of Mr. D. B. Eaton.

Numerous friendly inquiries were made yesterday in regard to the condition of Mr. DORMAN B. EATON, who was dangerously assaulted, late on Saturday night, near his residence in Twenty-ninth-street. It was ascertained that he was getting along in a very encouraging way. Every precaution has been taken by Dr. PEASE, his physician, to prevent congestion of the brain, and there is every hope at present that he will soon recover. No clue has as yet been discovered to the person or persons who committed the dastardly act.

Kings County Democratic General Committee.

The Kings County Democratic General Committee held its first meeting for the year last evening, and organized by the election of Mayor MARTIN KALBFLEISCH as Chairman, Messrs. BERGEN and DAYTON as Vice-Presidents, Mr. GEO. G. HERMAN Secretary, and Mr. FREDERICK S. MASSEY as Treasurer.

After the organization was completed a Special Committee, Hon. DENIS BARNES being Chairman, presented Mr. HERMAN, the Secretary, with a solid silver service.

Dr. NORRIS presented a preamble and resolution, calling upon the Legislature at Albany to express the sense of the Democratic masses of this State in denunciation of the action of Congress upon the Fifteenth Amendment, whereby it was sought to have three United States Commissioners appointed to canvass the election returns in every election District in every State, so far as the votes for Congressmen were concerned.

The subject was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. JAMES CRAIG offered a preamble and resolution charging the Prospect Park Commissioners with extravagance and improvidence, and asking the Legislature at Albany to pass an act providing for the election of five Commissioners to direct that great public work; and that the subject be referred to a Special Committee of five.

Judge Thompson, Messrs. Murphy, Hennessy, Hunter, Bergen, Carroll and Hon. Dennis Barnes took part in the discussion.

Mr. BARNES said that in twelve years' residence in Brooklyn he had seen taxes rise from $600,000 to $6,000,000 per annum, and those of New-York from $5,000,000 to $28,000,000, and that Democratic Commissioners, but under boasted Democratic rule. He begged them to take cognizance of those facts.

Mr. MCLAUGHLIN, finally, to test the mind of the Committee, moved to lay the subject on the table. It was laid on the table by an overwhelming majority, and soon thereafter the Committee adjourned.

Masked Balls Last Night.

The "Eichenkranz" Singing Society, Mr. CHARLES WILATZE, President, and Mr. CHARLES SAHM, musical director, had a masked ball at Irving Hall last night. The ball was, despite the unfavorable weather, well attended, distinguished by fine fancy dresses and interesting and amusing masks, and a happy affair throughout. The arrival of Prince Carnival, guarded by the Floor and Lobby Committees in splendid costumes, was the main attraction of the evening. The "Hause Bund," Mr. EDWARD GRUBER, President, a society for social entertainment generally, had a masked ball at Dramatic Hall in East Houston-street last night, which was also well attended and an amusing affair.

Meeting of Baptist Sunday School Teachers.

The Teachers' Association of the Baptist Sunday School Union met at the Berean Church, corner of Bedford and Downing streets, last evening. Mr. G. W. HILLMAN presided. The attendance was not as good as was expected. An address was made by Rev. Dr. CHRISTOPHER RHOADES, of the Stanton-street Church, on the subject of the essentials for a Sunday School teacher. Remarks were also made by Rev. Mr. EVANS, of the Leight-street Church, and Messrs. GILBERT, GOODWIN, JUDSON, KLEE and S. T. HILLMAN.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Madison-avenue Church, on the 14th inst.

The Murder of John Merkle.

A post-mortem examination was made yesterday by Dr. WOOSTER BEACH in the case of JOHN MERKLE, who died at No. 429 Fourth-street from the effects of wounds sustained on the 1st inst. at the hands of some unknown persons. The physicians found several bruises and contused wounds on the back, abdomen and chest, and ascertained that death had been caused by violence. Coroner KEENAN decided to postpone the inquest until to-morrow, as the Police are making search for the assailants.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 14.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate various Executive documents, including the report of the Secretary of War upon affairs in Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE GEORGIA SENATORS.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, the credentials of Senators-elect HILL and MILLER, of Georgia, were taken from the files and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented as follows:

By Mr. SUMNER—For the repeal of the income tax.

By Mr. FENTON—On the same subject and also for the reduction of duties on imported wool, and one.

By Mr. SCOTT—A petition similar to the last, long for the abolition of the franking privilege.

THE PRINTING BUREAU.

Mr. MORTON made a statement relative to a printed circular which had been circulated this morning in the Senate, containing charges against himself and the Senator from New-York, (Mr. FENTON,) that they and their favorites were managing the Printing Bureau. For himself, he cared nothing about such statements, but in justice to the Superintendent of Public Printing, he stated that out of the 232 employes in that Bureau, but eight or nine were from his (MORTON'S) State, of whom only two or three were appointed at his instance. He asked that the circular be referred to the Committee on Printing, so that if there was anything in the charges, the persons making them might appear and be heard.

Mr. EDMUNDS suggested an amendment, which was accepted by Mr. MORTON, directing the Committee to investigate and report upon the charges, so that their truth or falsity might be known to the public.

Mr. FENTON said he knew nothing of the paper referred to until he came into the Senate this morning. He only desired to say that no person had been appointed in the Printing Department to any principal position at his own request, nor was he personally acquainted with any person in the Department except the Superintendent. Not more than two or three persons had been appointed at his request. The subject was then referred to the Committee on Printing.

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THE PRINTING BUREAU.

Mr. MORTON made a statement relative to a printed circular which had been circulated this morning in the Senate, containing charges against himself and the Senator from New-York, (Mr. FENTON,) that they and their favorites were managing the Printing Bureau. For himself, he cared nothing about such statements, but in justice to the Superintendent of Public Printing, he stated that out of the 232 employes in that Bureau, but eight or nine were from his (MORTON'S) State, of whom only two or three were appointed at his instance. He asked that the circular be referred to the Committee on Printing, so that if there was anything in the charges, the persons making them might appear and be heard.

Mr. EDMUNDS suggested an amendment, which was accepted by Mr. MORTON, directing the Committee to investigate and report upon the charges, so that their truth or falsity might be known to the public.

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Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. HARLAN—For relief of soldiers over forty-five years of age when enlisted, and who served three years or more, and for assisting or attempting to make them pay for a nuisance in the shape of this concrete pavement was illegal. Decisions in similar cases, which had been tried in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts lately, were rendered to that effect. If then he were compelled to contest the matter single handed without the association of the other parties assessed, he would fight it out until the Court of Appeals decided against him. There are two courses, he continued, to pursue in the matter, and he was confident that they would afford the desired relief. The first was to present a petition or memorial to the Board, which was done last Friday, asking that body to have the concrete indicted as a public nuisance, and dealt with in the same manner as the Fifth-avenue pavement. The other was to employ counsel to carry the matter into the Supreme Court and pray for an injunction to restrain the Common Council from confirming the assessment.

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Letter of Protest from an Indignant Citizen Against the Fenitice Pavement.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

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POLICE AFFAIRS.

The Crawford Blackmailing Conspiracy—Charges of the House of Detention—The Administrative Cases.

Commissioner BOSWORTH and MANIERRE met yesterday to investigate complaints against policemen, of which accusations were for leaving off post, three for talking on post, three for absence from roll call, and seven for improper conduct. Five of the last involved Patrolmen WILLIS BARKER, PATRICK MCNALLY, HENRY A. STRINGHAM, WILLIAM DALLY and WILLIAM GREYSON, all of the Fifth Precinct, charged by Captain FETTY with destroying four lamps belonging to the Department by throwing them into the fire in the heater, in the basement of the Station House. All the men denied the charge but Captain FETTY, deposed that it must have been one of the five, as they were the only men in the Station House at the time. Before adjournment Mr. MANIERRE said that it was not his habit to indicate his opinion as to cases coming before him, but in this instance he had no hesitation in saying that he was in favor of the dismissal of all the men and would recommend such action to the Board.

The case of greatest public interest was tried before Commissioner BOSWORTH, being the charge of SAMUEL L. FEEN, of No. 17 Minetta-street, against JOHN H. CRAWFORD, of the Fourth Precinct, for compounding a felony. CRAWFORD arrested one CHARLES DIMOND for passing counterfeit money, and it is alleged he elected to prosecute the case in consequence of receiving $60 from FEEN as a consideration, which money it is claimed was found on the person of CRAWFORD and was taken before it was given to him. The investigation brought together a large number of the friends of both parties, and developed considerable feeling on both sides. The complainant, FEEN, was irascible in the highest degree while telling his story, and CRAWFORD was remarkably nervous during the whole examination. The facts, as ascertained, were few, and are already familiar to the public. CRAWFORD admitted that he had received the $60 from FEEN; that he handed it over to Justice DOWLING, upon the demand of that Magistrate, but claimed that he had taken the money, not as a bribe to withdraw the charge against DIMOND, but as a reward, and only took the money with an understanding that he was to retain it after receiving the consent of the Police Commissioners. FEEN swore that, after DIMOND's arrest, he met CRAWFORD in a saloon. The latter called FEEN aside and said he could "fix the thing," and that it could be "squared" for $60. FEEN answered that he had no money, but would see DIMOND, which he did, and afterwards saw Commissioner SHIELDS and Assistant District Attorney DUSTAN, who advised that the money be paid, but to mark it first, which was accordingly done, and the money paid to CRAWFORD, and the party adjourned to the saloon, No. 14 Chambers-street, where DIMOND committed the assault upon CRAWFORD. The case was referred to the Board for decision.

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held in the afternoon, Sergeant EDGAR DAVIS, heretofore on duty at Police Headquarters, was placed in charge of the House of Detention for Witnesses in place of Sergeant THOMAS J. FOLGER, transferred to the Twenty-third Precinct. The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to prefer charges against Sergeant JOHN S. TAYLOR and Patrolman EDWARD CARPENTER, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, for giving information in which originated the late Prince Arthur assassination canard. This order was based upon a report of the Superintendent, transmitting written statements from the two reporters who gave credence and currency to the bogus intelligence, who declare that they received it from the officers named. The case will be tried at an early day, and all the facts connected with the affair will doubtless be reached on cross-examination.

THE BROOKLYN ALDERMEN.

Democratic Tricks and Official Vicissitudes—Sympathy of Soldiers—A Public Market.

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen was held yesterday, President BERGEN presiding.

A resolution was adopted appropriating $75 for the celebration of WASHINGTON's birthday in each of the districts of the city, to be expended in firing 100 guns in honor of the day.

The Mayor sent in a communication nominating the following gentlemen as members of the Board of Education: A. S. Barnes, John Shaw, Garret P. Bergen, E. B. Cadley, Wm. L. Gill, D. Hurt, Jas. H. Hart, W. W. Hulbert, J. R. Jurgens, D. Maujer, J. M. Phelps, E. Rowe, J. H. Rhodes, Albert Ammerman and E. J. Whitlock, which were confirmed.

Alderman ELLIOTT offered the following:

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The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

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Some items of minor importance were transacted and the Board adjourned.

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Last Fall the saucy pilot boat *A. T. Stewart*, having had enough of the ocean wave, one day went to the bottom in the lower harbor. Some wrecker came along and took out her mast and cabin, and that was the last of her until a short time ago the United States surveyors here received instructions to remove the wreck from the channel in which it lay. The surveyors went out, but could not find it; the pilots could not locate the spot where the boat was lost, and a wrecking party, after dragging several times, have not yet brought up any thing but sand and weeds. It is now hinted that there is some "irregularity" about the matter. The pilot boat, it is said, has never been struck by vessels, is not an impediment to navigation, but is probably buried deep in the sands.

The Government's attention was not called to it in the usual way, for it has not been reported as an "obstruction." It appears that certain parties in this City represented to Congress that there was such a wreck in our bay somewhere, and asked to have it removed. The subject was referred to the proper department, and the surveyors here were ordered to look up the wreck and have it removed. The contract for the removal was given out and the expense is to fall on the Government. Navigation in our waters has not been impeded in the least by that wreck. There is a suspicion in certain quarters that the movers in the matter wished to raise the wind more than to raise the wreck.

The Thompson Collection of Paintings—Close of the Sale.

The sale of paintings belonging to this collection was closed yesterday morning. The pictures disposed of were of an inferior grade, and brought merely nominal prices, consisting principally of portraits, crayons, water colors and colored lithographs, a few sketches by BIERSTADT in water colors being the only redeeming feature. The collection of "Nudes" was sold last, and purchased almost entirely by dealers. Only a few of them were placed upon the easel as samples, and the sum realized for the entire lot was hardly sufficient to pay for their removal. The manner in which they were received by the general buyers present, proved conclusively that this class of works was considered neither valuable or desirable. The total receipts of the sale will foot up to about $7,000, from which amount, when the expenses attending it are deducted, the estate of the late Mr. THOMPSON will realize about $6,000, for a collection said to have originally cost ten times that sum. In the evening, Messrs. LEDB & MINER disposed of about fifteen pictures which were consigned to them from a private collection in Antwerp. The sale was well attended, and the paintings sold brought fair prices.

Arrest of an Importer under the Revenue Laws.

GEORGE D. BATAUD, doing business as an importer at No. 10 Beaver-street, was arrested by Deputy Revenue Collector KOOP, of the Thirty-second District, yesterday, on a charge of not keeping his books open for inspection for a period of two years, as required by law. It was alleged that he denied having the books in his possession when asked about them, but that they were subsequently, on search having been made, found secreted in his office.

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LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
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SAN SALVADOR, Captain NEUBRUCH, SATURDAY, Feb. 26, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. H. GARRISON, Agent,
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6:45, 7:30, 9:10 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:30, 4:15, 5 and 11:30 P. M., Yonkers trains.
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For Suffern and Way, 3 P. M. and 4 P. M.; (23d-st. 2:45 and 3:45 P. M.) Theatre train, 11:30 P. M., (23d-st. 11 P. M.)
For Paterson and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 6:45 A. M., 9:15 A. M., 12:45 A. M., 1:45 P. M. (daily,) 3:45 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 6:30 P. M., 8:30 P. M., 11:30 P. M. (23d-st. 6:45 A. M., 9:15 A. M., 12:45 A. M., 1:45 P. M., (daily,) 3:45 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 6:30 P. M., 8:30 P. M., 11:30 P. M., (daily.)
For Hackensack and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 8:45 A. M., 12:45 P. M., 3:45 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 6:45 P. M., and 8:45 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 9 A. M., 12 M., 3:30 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 6 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.
For Piermont, Monsey and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 9:45 A. M., 2:30 P. M., 4:15 P. M. and 6:30 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., 4:30 P. M., 6:15 P. M., 8 P. M. and 9:30 P. M.
For Greenwood, Monsey and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 10 A. M., 2:30 P. M., 4:15 P. M., 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., 4:30 P. M., 6:15 P. M., 8 P. M., 9:30 P. M., and Saturdays only, 12 midnight.
Tickets for the above and for excursions in Dunning Room and Sleeping Coaches can be obtained, and offices for the checking and transfer of baggage may be left at the General Ticket office, No. 241 Broadway, at the office of the Company, foot of Chambers and 23d-sts., Jersey City, and foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st., New-York; No. 3 Exchange-place and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City, and of the agents at the principal hotels.
* To Piermont only.
L. D. BUCKER, Gen'l Supt. WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass'r Ag't.

SOUTH SIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.—Winter Arrangement.—On and after Oct. 25 the trains will leave the Roosevelt and Grand St. Ferries as follows: 6:45 A. M., mail and passenger for Patchogue; 8:30 A. M., for Merrick; 3:30 P. M., for Babylon; 4:30 P. M., for Babylon; 6:30 P. M., for Babylon, on Saturdays through to Patchogue; 6:30 P. M., for Merrick, on Saturdays through to Babylon. All trains connect at Valley Stream, except the Merrick late and early trains.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening and extending of Lexington-avenue, from Sixty-sixth-street to Ninety-seventh-street, in the City of New-York.—We the undersigned Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected by the opening of said avenue, that we, the undersigned, to wit: First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be supposed to the same, to present their objections in writing, duly verified, to George H. Van Brunt, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 52 Division-street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 5th day of March, 1870, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten days, and for that purpose we shall be at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock M. Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps and also all the affidavits, papers and documents which have been used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the street Commissioner's office, in the City of New-York, there to remain until the 10th day of March, 1870, and that the said estimate and assessment is as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land in the City of New-York, situate, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the westerly side by a line parallel to Fourth-avenue, and distant two hundred and two feet and six inches easterly from the easterly side thereof; the line of the blocks between Third-avenue and Fourth-avenue, and distant two hundred and two feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; on the north by the centre line of Ninety-eighth-street; and on the south by the centre line of the blocks between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth-streets; on the north side of Ninety-eighth-street, and on the south side of Ninety-seventh-street, and distant three hundred and twenty feet westerly from the westerly side thereof; and on the west by a line parallel to Third-avenue, and distant three hundred and five feet easterly from the easterly side thereof. That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the new Court House, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, on the 5th day of March, 1870, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.—Dated New-York, Jan. 31, 1870.
GEORGE R. VAN BRUNT, ELKAN ROTHSCHILD, HUGH SMITH, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, NO. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1870.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons that the assessment roll of the real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1870, will be open for inspection and revision on and after MONDAY, Jan. 10, 1870, and will remain open until the 20th day of April, 1870, for the purpose of correcting all errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons having claims or complaints to make in relation to the valuation of property during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law.
GEO. H. ANDREWS,
R. H. KING,
NATHANIEL SANDS,
THOS. J. CREAMER,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—PURSUANT to an order of Hon. William K. Onderdonk, Surrogate of the County of Queens, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of JOHN RAYNOR, late of the Town of Hempstead, in the said County of Queens, deceased, to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of business, No. 78 Bowery, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of July next.—Dated Dec. 6, 1869.
6t-Inw1w* HIRAM RAYNOR, Executor, &c.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, supposed somewhere between Bleecker, Broad, Nassau and Spruce-sts., a silver CORPS BADGE, with ribbon attached, and the number of the regiment engraved thereon. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the counter, Finance Office.

SITUATIONS WANTED.
FEMALES.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO YOUNG women; one as cook and assist in the washing in a respectable private family; best City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 16 West 27th-st., first floor, back room.

WANTED—BY A THOROUGH COOK, WITH good references, a situation in a private family or genteel boarding house; makes pastry, soups and jellies; an excellent baker; does the coarse washing; wages $16. Call at No. 146 East 26th-st., near 3d-av.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as nurse and general chambermaid; understands the management and care of children; can sew and fit; country or City; good City testimonials. Call at No. 204 4th-av., room No. 22.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as chambermaid in a first-class boarding house or in a private family; is willing to assist with the washing and ironing; the best of City references. Call at No. 141 East 18th-st., Room No. 7, between 3d and 4th-avs., rear house.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as first-class cook; understands cooking in all its branches; is an excellent baker; makes all kinds of cake and pastry; would assist in light washing; best City references. Can be seen at No. 139 West 35th-st., Room No. 14.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS, some gentlemen's wearing apparel or ladies' washing at home; is a fine hand; can give good references. Call at No. 227 West 38th and 39th-sts., third floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT A situation as thoroughly chambermaid in a private family; is a good plain sewer; no objections to country; City references. Call for two days at No. 169 East 22d-st., near 3d-av., next to livery stable.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as first-class laundress, or would assist with chambermaid if required; has no objection to the country; can give the best of City reference. Apply for two days at No. 48 30th-st., near Broadway.

WANTED—BY A SUPERIOR INFANT'S nurse, with five years' City references from her last employers, a situation in the City or country; is a good seamstress; would assist with chambermaid; at the needle. Call at No. 149 East 35th-st., near 2d-av.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED SEAMstress and operator on Wheeler & Wilson's machine. A few days' employment by the day; can do all kinds of family sewing, cutting and fitting. Address Mrs. HUGHTON, No. 221 Washington-st.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN wishes a situation in a private family to do light washing; can do French fluting; good references. Call or address Mrs. CARR, at No. 207 East 26th-st., in the alley.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as good cook in a private family; willing to assist in the washing and ironing; has the best of City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 152 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT, a situation as thorough chambermaid in a private family; is a good plain sewer; no objections to the country; City references. Call for two days at No. 149 2d-av.; room 15th-st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT LAUNDRESS, a situation in a first-class family; is an excellent washer; a small family washing at her own house; can give first-class reference. Call at No. 244 6th-av., second floor, back room.

WANTED—FOR THE COUNTRY OR CITY, a situation as cook, washer and ironer by a competent woman; would do light housework; good baker and laundress; good references. Call at No. 229 6th-av., new No. 148.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-class cook; is thoroughly experienced; no objection to assist with the washing; is a good ironer; is a good baker; City and country; good City references. Call at No. 249 West 17th-st.

WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED SCOTCH woman, a situation as cook or to do plain cooking in families in Europe and America; return to some of the best families in New-York. Address D. MOIR, No. 142 West 40th-st.

WANTED—BY A NEAT, COMPETENT WOman, a situation as a good cook and baker; understands her business thoroughly; best City and country; has superior references. Call at No. 159 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A NURSE AND SEAMSTRESS, by a highly recommended and efficient woman, about 30; she is an experienced nurse and excellent seamstress; is willing to go South. Call at No. 229 6th-av., new No. 148.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; understands it in all its branches; is used to her kitchen; prefers a private family; City references. Call at No. 202 West 39th-st., near 7th-av., first floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK IN A private family; an excellent bread and pastry cook; references from last employers. No. 146 West 26th-st.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN wishes to go out by the day to do washing and ironing; understands fluting. Apply at No. 232 6th-st., rear building, first floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as chambermaid and waitress; good City references. Call for two days at No. 154 West 27th-st., second floor, front room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid. Call at No. 260 Th-av., between 24th and 25th sts., top floor, back room, for two days.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A place as seamstress; would assist with chamber-work or children. Inquire at No. 227 West 41st-st., in the basement.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A PLAIN cook, washer and ironer, or housework in a small private family; good City reference. Call at No. 113 West 16th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXperienced Protestant nurse to an invalid lady; can give the best of reference. Call at No. 109 4th-av., second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO ATTEND AN invalid lady and wait on a gentleman; number of years reference to name and housekeeper. Address L., Box No. 144 Tribune Office, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-class cook, who understands thoroughly soups, meats, poultry and game; is an excellent baker; first-class City references. Call at 234 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED young woman, a situation as first-class seamstress; best of City references; no objection to the country. Call be seen at No. 247 West 16th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl; is a first-class laundress; has the best of City references; can do fluting neatly. Can be seen at No. 227 West 27th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-class laundress; can do fluting; is thoroughly competent; has no objection to go out of the City. Apply at No. 129 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE ENGLISH woman, a situation in a family as good plain cook; can give good City references. Apply to Mrs. DEMPSTER, No. 102 East 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO GENERAL housework by an American Protestant girl in a small family. Call at No. 229 6th-av., between Leroy and Morton. Inquire for Mrs. Robinson.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO PLAIN sewing or to teach young children and assist with sewing. Address Miss PALMER, Station C, Post Office. References exchanged.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXperienced laundress to do the washing of a few families in her own house; best of references. Call or address No. 180 West 26th-st., one door east.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD GEnteel girl to do general housework. Call at No. 137 Norfolk-st., between Rivington and Stanton sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS ASSISTANT in a dressmaking establishment. Address MILLIE FARLEY, Station C, Post Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GERMAN girl to do general housework, or as cook, washer and ironer; City references. Apply at No. 1 First-st.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN GIRL, A SITUation as cook, housework, chambermaid or nurse. Apply at No. 126 6th-av., above 16th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid; understands her business; good references. Apply at No. 264 Lexington-av., corner 37th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant girl to do chamberwork and plain sewing; City reference. No. 212 West 16th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS LAUNdress; can give the best of City references. Call at No. 21 Lexington-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman lately landed as chambermaid and waitress. Call at No. 146 East 26th-st.

A LADY ACCUSTOMED TO COPYING manuscript for the Press, music, &c., desires employment where she can have an advance of salary; best references given and required. Address Mrs. SCOTT, No. 270 East 10th-st.

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MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS farmer, farm manager, or superintendent; or a gentleman's place, by an active young American man, who has been brought up to the farming business, and thoroughly understands farming and stock raising in all the branches; first-class references. Address G. W. W., Box No. 67 White Plains, N. Y.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION BY a married man who has a practical knowledge of everything belonging to the business, both under glass and out of doors; has the best of City references from his employers. Address H. B., at seed store, No. 61 Park-row.

WANTED—BY A GERMAN, A SITUATION as first-class gardener; married, without family; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; best recommendations. Address for three days L. GARDENER, Box No. 210 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a married man, without family; can give satisfactory references; is competent; reply. Address J. H., No. 1 Cedar-st., or W. G. WILSON, 28 West 14th-st.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN, A SITUAtion; not afraid of work; understands the business; references will be found satisfactory. Address G. C., Box No. 160 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER OR vegetable gardener by a married man; is intelligent and understands it; has good references. Address R. D., Box No. 136 Tribune Office.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE COLORED man, a situation as a first-class waiter; would prefer family to wait; best of City references. Call on Mr. Ed Sickles, corner of 11th-st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.
MALES.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY A MAN AND wife; the man as first-class coachman and groom; the woman as lady's maid or to do the housework; are first-class City references; have had City situations; will go out of the City; the man can be seen at No. 146 East 27th-st., between 2 and 4 P. M.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a married man; understands the business thoroughly; first-class references for capacity, sobriety and economy; five years in last place. Address ROBT. CULTURIST, seed store, 142 Broadway, New-York.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG single man, as coachman; thoroughly understands his business; will be found willing and obliging; has been City and country coachman. Address H. A., Box No. 256 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN AND GARDENER'S situation by a sober, steady man; understands his business in all its branches; also can do any other work; good testimonials. Address J. C., Box No. 152 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable middle-aged man; as gardener and farmer; understands gardening in all branches; also has cold grapery; good testimonials. Address J. H., Box No. 152 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN; understands his business thoroughly; is willing and obliging; has good references. Address COACHMAN, Box No. 149 Tribune Office, for three days.

WANTED—BY A COACHMAN AND GROOM, a situation; is a single man; in City or country; thoroughly understands his business; good City and country references; highly recommended. Address COACHMAN, Box No. 213 Tribune Office.

WANTED—A WAITER'S SITUATION BY a respectable, trustworthy man, who fully understands his duties, and has the highest City references as to character and ability. Call or address WAITER, 318 6th-av., corner of 19th-st., for two days.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION by a first-class gardener; married, no family; thoroughly understands all branches pertaining to the business; best of references can be had. Address H. B., Box No. 208 Tribune Office.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT MARRIED man, a situation as gardener; can be highly recommended as to character, capability and energy; would take charge of a new place. Address J. S., Dobbs' Ferry Post Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man as coachman; has the best of City reference; no objection to the country; will make himself generally useful. Address J. H., Box 139 Tribune Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A GOOD MAN TO TAKE charge of a small place in Connecticut; must understand the cultivation of flowers, fruit and vegetables; the care and management of horses; driving, &c.; no objection to a married man with a small family; best references required. Apply from 12 to 3 O'clock at No. 32 South-st., rear office, for two days.

WANTED—A THOROUGHLY COMPETENT bookkeeper. Address in handwriting at the sign Mercantile Agency Office, with references, stating age and salary wanted.

WANTED—A MAN WHO WRITES A GOOD hand, accustomed to copying legal papers. Call from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., at No. 32 West 11th-st., near 14th-av.

WANTED—A PROTESTANT WOMAN TO cook, wash and iron for a small family of two; City reference. Inquire at No. 65 East 9th-st.

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Ladies' and Gents' French Kid, light and dark, reduced to 87 cents; uniform's 37, 39, 75; lots of Winter Gloves at 25 and 50 cents. For a few months only. ALEX GER'S, No. 589 and 593 Broadway, near 10th-st., East side.

FRIEND FITTS,
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For the next thirty days will offer his entire stock at actual cost. Trimmings, Sewing Silks, Gloves, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Combs, Brushes, Umbrellas, Parasols, Millinery and Fancy Goods.

AUCTION SALES.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COLUMBIA, Jan. 24, 1870.
THE UNDERSIGNED, A COMMISSIONER APPOINTED by the State, and having duly qualified, for said office, Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of Congress, Piles for Laurens County, in the said State, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction the property of the said Laurens Railroad Company described as follows, to wit: The road bed of said Railroad from Newberry Village to Laurensville, including the road bed, right of way and lands occupied by or belonging to the said Company, together with the several superstructures and tracks thereon, and all rails and other materials used on the same, and all and singular the several bridges, viaducts, culverts, fences, depot grounds and buildings thereon, station houses, workshops, water stations, and all other tracks and buildings, equipments and appurtenances of every kind, and all the stock subscribed for in the said Company and all other property belonging, appertaining to or in anywise connected therewith, and all rights and franchises of the said Laurens Railroad Company, and all franchises, rights and privileges of the said Laurens Railroad Company or its, or so concerning the same. And upon such sale I will make and execute to the purchaser, who shall be forever vested and absolutely invested. The said sale shall take place at the State House, in the City of Columbia, South Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., on the 22d day of March, 1870, upon the following terms, that is to say: Six per cent. gold in the treasury of the State of South Carolina, at par, or in private bonds, payable in one, two and three years, bearing interest of the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, with mortgage on the said property of the premises.
GEORGE W. WATERMAN,
Receiver Laurens Railroad Company.

HENRY H. LEDIE & MINER, Auctioneers.
ART NOTICE.
CONTINUATION OF THE SALE OF THE THOMPSON COLLECTION, on MONDAY, 14th February, at the Leeds Art Galleries, at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M., to continue the portraits, nudes and other interesting works. Also, immediately after the collection of the celebrated artist,
50 SUPERB AND IMPORTANT ORIGINAL PICTURES, by eminent European and American artists, to be advanced and close accounts, comprising the works of
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By order of Rear-Admiral S. W. Godon, of CONDEMNED STORES, &c.
WILL BE SOLD BY ORDER, ON SATURDAY next, 26th inst., at

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The Darien expedition which sailed from this port about a week since, will probably be heard from towards the latter part of the current month. The general steamers Fingle and Guard compose the expedition. Beyond the fact that it is bound for the waters in the neighborhood of the Isthmus, with a view to taking surveys and soundings for the proposed Darien Canal, but little is as yet known concerning it.

The closing exercises of the North Moore-street Evening School for Males, THOS. W. CONKLIN, Principal, were held last night. A very interesting programme was well rendered, and apparently much enjoyed by a very large audience. Numerous prizes and certificates were distributed, and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. J. G. R. HIRATH and other distinguished friends of education. JAMES B. DUFFRIAC, Esq., presided, and in his opening remarks paid a high compliment to the Principal and his faithful corps of teachers. The attendance has been larger than ever before, averaging over 500.

The firm of THOMAS N. DALE & Co., manufacturers of tailors' trimmings, &c., at No. 52 Howard-street, have suspended payment. A statement of the affairs of the house will be made to the creditors of the firm in a few days. The report that in consequence of the failure the silk mills of the Dale Manufacturing Company, at Paterson, N. J., had stopped running, is denied.

The new Cotton Exchange, at the corner of Beaver and Pearl streets, was formally opened yesterday in the presence of a large number of cotton brokers. The Exchange is in the basement, which is not well adapted to the business. It will not be occupied, however, longer than until the 1st of May. Mr. WRIGHT, Vice-President of the Board of Cotton Brokers, delivered the opening address.

The Greenwich-street Elevated Railroad is no longer a myth. The line was yesterday completed to Thirtieth-street, and experimental trips were made in the afternoon from end to end, with entire success. It is said that travel will be opened speedily.

The friends of temperance evidently prefer cold water internally to any external application. Owing to the inclemency of the weather last evening, the temperance meeting which was to have been held in the church on the corner of Thirty-first-street and Madison-avenue, was adjourned, only about thirty-one being present. The next meeting will be in the church on the corner of Madison-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street, a week from to-night.

The public should not fail to hear the fine programme of Mr. VANDERHOFF's, which has been prepared with great care. The reading takes place this evening at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. The commendable charity should insure a large sale of tickets.

The Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association of New-York issued a petition yesterday to the Legislature, urging the passage of the bill introduced by Senator PRINCE relating to Sandy Hook pilotage, which bill, as introduced, provides for rates of pilotage which are believed to be reasonable, proper and remunerative to the pilots, and furthermore relieves the commerce of the United States from the onerous, unjust and arbitrary feature in the present Pilot law, compelling a captain to employ and pay a pilot on entering or leaving the Port of New-York, whether the captain requires the services of a pilot or not.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning heavy clouds began to gather in the sky. The wind soon changing from the north-northwest to the southeast, small hail commenced to fall at two minutes after meridian. From 2:47 o'clock in the afternoon until late at night rain fell without intermission, accompanied with much wind from sunset. The rain depth at 9 P. M. was .36 inch. The thermometer stood at 32° at 7 A. M.; at meridian, 40°; at 9 P. M., 34°. The barometrical record at 7 A. M. was 30.15 inches; at noon, 30.09; at 9 P. M., 30.75. This is not a storm of long duration.

A meeting of the members of the First Assembly District of the Union Republican Association was held last evening at No. 9 Beach-street. Messrs. ROBERT BEATTY and WM. BELL were proposed and duly elected members of the Society. The President, Mr. HERMAN SAUTIN, and several of the members of the local committee, who were expected to make reports, being absent, there was very little business transacted. The meeting adjourned to the second Monday of March at the same place.

The first-class merchant and passenger steamship *Atalanta*, Captain PINKHAM in command, arrived in port yesterday afternoon, having encountered unprecedented bad weather. She left Havre on the 16th ult., and during her lengthened passage for nine consecutive days her engines were only able to hold her steady against the fury of the elements. The gallant Captain and crew deserve the highest credit for their seamanship and ability. Captain PINKHAM, after thirty-four years of sailor life in all portions of the world, declares he never had a rougher time of it than in his late trip across the Atlantic.

The agent employed by the Protective Committee of the English Erie stockholders, who are about to inaugurate, in conjunction with the Ramsey-Eaton party, a legal war against FISK and GOULD, is Mr. BURT, an eminent solicitor of London. He has sailed for the United States, and his arrival in this City is daily expected. The proceedings will be carried on before Judge WOODRUFF, of the United States Courts, who, as the plaintiffs claim, is certain to show no favor to the Erie magnates.

At Public School No. 11, in Seventeenth-street, near Eighth-avenue, yesterday, on the occasion of the presentation of the Kelly medal, Mr. HOSEA B. PARKINS made a stirring address to the successful competitor, in which he gave him some excellent advice for his guidance in the career so auspiciously begun.

Numerous personal and political friends of Assemblyman MICHAEL C. MURPHY assembled at Apollo Hall last evening, on the occasion of an invitation ball held in his honor. Messrs. PATRICK J. DUNN and FRANCIS J. DUNN were very active in their efforts to make the festivities as enjoyable as possible.

Complaints have been made in the United States Commissioner's office, within a few days past, against several merchants, charged with making false income returns to the revenue officers of the Thirty-second Collection District. Among the persons who have been so accused are EDWARD STURGIS, JOHN H. ANDERSON and H. FLEISS.

At the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street, to-morrow evening, a grand vocal and instrumental concert will be given for the benefit of the "Home for Friendless Women." Mme. ANNA BISHOP and CHARLOTTE V. HUTCHINGS are among the singers announced, and other attractions are offered which give assurance that the entertainment will be of the first order.

GIDEON WAITHEM gave bail to appear for examination at the United States Commissioner's office, yesterday, on a charge of opening a letter addressed to his brother-in-law, SAMUEL LIVINGSTON.

CHARLES GIBLIN, aged 5 years, of No. 319 Avenue A, was accidentally knocked down by a woman in Avenue A, near Nineteenth-street, yesterday, and had his leg broken. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

THOMAS SICKLES, the boy who was arrested on Saturday for stealing $300 from his employers, HENRY LEVY & Co., at No. 49 Maiden-lane, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday and fully committed for trial.

JOHN FEENEY and BERNARD WATERS, the two men detected in a burglary in the premises of JAMES GIBBONS, at No. 175 Grand-street, where they stole $1,600 worth of scientific instruments, were brought before Justice DOWLING yesterday and remanded for trial in default of bail.

Dr. HARRIS, of the Board of Health, notified Coroner KEENAN, yesterday, that an inquest would be necessary in the case of ROSE MCINTYRE, aged 26, who died suddenly on Sunday night, at No. 225 West Sixteenth-street, from "obscure causes." A *post-mortem* examination will be made to-day by Dr. WOOSTER BEACH.

Coroner KEENAN decided to postpone his investigation in the case of ANDREW HYLAND, the boy killed in Avenue A, by a Forty-second-street car, on Sunday, until to-morrow. The driver of the car, R. J. ARMSTRONG, was held to bail in the sum of $500, to await the result. He claims that he was not to blame.

GEO. EAGAN, of No. 35 Crosby-street, the newsboy who was run over in Broome-street by a Seventh-avenue car, on Saturday, died yesterday, at Bellevue Hospital, from the injuries he received. The boy attempted to leave the car by the front platform, when he stumbled and fell. An inquest will be held to-day.

At the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, before Justice COX, JOHN DONOGHUE was charged with assaulting Officer CARRIGAN, of the Twentieth Precinct. The officer stated that while on duty on the previous evening he discovered the prisoner drunk on Thirty-fifth-street, and on ordering him to go home the latter assaulted him. The prisoner was held to answer.

JOHN BURNS was charged with stealing several articles of wearing apparel, valued at $50, from the St. Nicholas Hotel, at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge COX. The articles were stolen Sunday evening, and were subsequently found in the possession of the prisoner by Officer ROOKES, of the Metropolitan Police. The prisoner was held to answer.

A fire occurred last evening in the fancy store of MARIA O'HEGAN, first floor of No. 413 Fourth-avenue, doing a damage of $1,500 to stock; insured for $3,000 in New-Haven companies and $6,000 in other companies. The building, owned by RICHARD MORTIMER, is damaged to the extent of $800 and is fully insured. The fire is supposed to have originated from a gas jet in the window.

In the case of HENRY and HERMAN GOODSTEIN, now under arrest on a charge of being implicated in the burglary recently committed in the store of CHARLES MILE, at No. 16 Pelton-avenue, Brooklyn, the accused yesterday admitted through counsel that the fair goods found in their possession were the property of the complainant. They insisted, however, that they had purchased them in a regular way. Justice DOWLING will render a decision to-morrow.

The price of coal has fallen. Steamer and lump coal is wholesaling at $6 75 and cheaper at $6 75, from the Hoyt docks. Nevertheless, during this the retail figures have not been reduced below $7 or $8. The falling off in wholesale rates is due to the mildness of the Winter.

BROOKLYN.

The changes among the churches of the Eastern District are, in some instances, likely to develop measures of a progressive nature. It was announced last week that Rev. LEONARD W. BACON had resigned the pastorate of the South Ninth-street Congregational Church. Now it appears that Rev. T. A. T. HANNA, of the Central Baptist Church, in Fourth-street, is about to resign his charge, and the Lee-avenue Baptist Church is to be deprived of the further pastoral care of Rev. J. HYATT SMITH, who intends to branch out on the "Open Communion" basis, with a fair prospect of success.

The Liberal Christian Union opened their new rooms at No. 453 Fulton-avenue, last evening, with appropriate exercises. The audience which, notwithstanding the rain, was large, was addressed by Rev. Dr. FARLEY, Rev. Messrs. CHADWICK, PUTNAM and CAMP. The Union has leased three floors of the building, each measuring sixty-five by nineteen feet. The first floor will be reading room and library; the floor above that will be for lecture-room uses. Mr. JOHN THOMPSON is Librarian.

The *Colorado*, a first-class frigate, goes into commission to-day, and will soon leave for the East Indies on a long voyage.

An old man, named ISAAC GOLDSCHMIDT, while passing the Coney Island road yesterday afternoon, was assaulted by PATRICK RYAN and JOHN HOGAN, near Ward's Hotel. They knocked out several of his teeth and robbed him of ten. They were pursued and captured near Prospect Park by officers of the Fiftieth Precinct, and locked up.

JOSEPH SINNETT, husband of the woman who attempted to commit suicide last Friday evening, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault and battery preferred against him by JOHN GOLDEN, the man whom he kicked down stairs for alleged improper conduct in his house. Justice WALSH, before whom he was taken, adjourned the examination for a week.

Coroner JONES held an inquest on Sunday evening, on the body of Mrs. MARGARET MCMULLY, a woman of years of age, at No. 444 De Kalb-avenue. It appears that she was found in the morning bent over a clothes line in the attic. She had gone there to hang up some clothes, and having been suddenly seized with paroxysms, had attempted to leap over the line. She got her feet entangled in it, and when found she was hanging with her head on the floor, in which position she was strangled.

The Grand Jury, in company with Judge TROY and District-Attorney MORRIS, visited the County Jail on a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon.

About 150 men resumed work at the Navy Yard yesterday morning. Work is to be commenced again on the *Onondaga* now in the dry dock.

In the suit brought by JANE HEATHERSTONE against PATRICK DOWLING and FRANCIS L. DALLOW, United States Marshal, in the City Court, for alleged unlawful seizure of her boot and shoe store in Jersey City, the jury rendered a verdict for defendants. The suit was for the recovery of $5,000 damages.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mr. NEHEMIAH VREDENBURGH, the sexton of the M. E. Church, Sing Sing, while engaged in lighting up that house of worship on Sunday evening, fell over the back of a chair on which he was standing, and was thereby so seriously injured that his physician entertains but slight hopes of his recovery.

The new lecture and Sunday school rooms attached to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mamaroneck were opened on Sunday last. Special services were held in the church on the occasion, Rev. Dr. KEANAN, of New-York, preached in the morning, and Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS, of New-Rochelle, in the evening. The improvements cost $20,000, and a new organ for the church cost $2,000.

On Sunday afternoon last a colored man, named THOMAS WILLIAMS, familiarly known in New-Rochelle as "Tom," was found dead in a sandpit, some ten feet deep, situated about a mile north of the village. It is thought supposed in the neighborhood that he had fallen into the pit while under the influence of liquor and broken his neck, or died from exposure. Coroner BATEGATE held an inquest yesterday, and a verdict of death by apoplexy was rendered.

Mr. RICHARD M. HAMILTON, Receiver of Taxes in West Farms, commenced the collection of taxes yesterday—minus the rate charged for the opening of Madison-avenue.

LONG ISLAND.

Last Saturday one of the two suspected highway robbers, who waylaid WM. T. JEFFERYS in Flushing, on the bridge leading over the creek, while on his way to the Bay View House, was arrested in New-York. On his person was found the gold watch of Mr. JEFFERYS, and also an old Mexican silver dollar, which Mr. JEFFERYS identifies.

The proprietor of a liquor saloon on Fourth-street in Hunter's Point, being recently called away to secure a legacy which had been left him by a relative, placed WILLIAM SMITH in possession of the premises during his absence. The temporary landlord sold out all the available property, pocketed the proceeds, and left for parts unknown.

NEW-JERSEY.

Yesterday morning two warrants were issued by the Recorder of Jersey City for the arrest of two men named JOSEPH KELLY and PATRICK MCLOUGHLIN, charged with so brutally assaulting a man named PETER HOAGBY that serious doubts are entertained of his recovery. The Police are busy searching for the accused. Up to a late hour last night they had not been arrested.

Yesterday morning the keeper of the Hudson County Jail, at Hudson City, discovered a bold conspiracy on the part of at least five prisoners confined in the upper corridor, to effect their escape. They manufactured a rude saw out of a case knife, which, with the aid of some other instrument which the keeper could not find, they employed during their daily recess in sedulously sawing the iron bars of the main door, and had succeeded in so successfully accomplishing their task, that had the scheme remained undiscovered for another day a general jail delivery would have been the consequence. The offenders were immediately confined in the dungeon and put on a diet of bread and water for a week.

FRANCIS MCCORMACK was arrested in Newark last night, on a charge of having, about three weeks ago, stolen a large quantity of meat and butchers' tools from a shop at the corner of Bergen and Warren streets, in Newark. Some of the property was found in his possession. He was held for examination. A man living in the same house with McCORMACK, who gave his name as WM. LAKELEY, was arrested on Sunday evening for having entered the shoe store of SAMUEL CARDIFF, on William-street. It is thought that a nest of burglars has been discovered. LAKELEY admitted his crime, and was committed to jail pending trial.

A youth named LAWRENCE GOUGHRAN was arrested in Newark, last night, on suspicion of having stolen $60 from PATRICK LYNCH some weeks ago. At the time that he lost the money LYNCH was in a saloon kept by GOUGHRAN's father, and young GOUGHRAN was, during a good part of the time, engaged in playful rough-and-tumble encounters with him. The accused is held for examination.

The citizens of Elizabeth adopted a resolution offered at a public meeting on Saturday evening, requesting their representatives in the State Legislature to oppose what is known as the Driggs Paving bill, authorizing the drainage of the meadows by a company to be formed for the purpose. The Newark Common Council, at special session, directed its Legislative Committee to oppose the passage of the same bill.

Rev. Dr. MCILVAINE, of Princeton College, has been called to the pastorate of the High-street Presbyterian Church, Newark.

Yesterday morning a man named WILLIAM CONDON was sent to the County Jail by the Recorder of Hudson City, for thirty days, for constructing himself in a disorderly manner in one of the horse cars on Sunday night by breaking the windows.

Yesterday morning an engineer named PETER MCQUINN and a watchman named WM. BOYCE, both in the employ of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, were committed to await trial on a charge of stealing a quantity of brass and lead, the property of their employers, from the Company's shops in Hoboken. Mr. BROWN, Superintendent of the Hoboken shops, found the articles in the custody of the accused, on board a ferry boat in the Hoboken dock.

Miss EDITH O'GORMAN will inveigh against Romanism at the Opera House, in Newark, this evening.

A meeting will be held at Library Hall, at Newark, to-morrow evening, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Suffrage Society. Miss LUCY STONE, Mrs. BURLEIGH and others will be present and deliver addresses.

A woman employed in CLARK's thread factory, in Newark, had four of her fingers cut off by some of the machinery a couple of days ago.

Mrs. BINGLEY died on Saturday from the effects of burns received some days ago at her residence in Newark.

In the Hudson County Court yesterday a motion was made for a new trial in the case of THOS. and JAS. LOUGHRAN, indictments charged of arson, on the ground that the verdict was not warranted by the testimony. The Court, on [illegible]

THE SHERIDAN MURDER.

Trial of Rosanna Rogers in Newark—The Case Concluded.

The trial of ROSANNA ROGERS for the murder of JAMES SHERIDAN, was continued in the Essex County Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday. The first witness sworn was

BRIDGET SHERIDAN, sister of the deceased, who testified that there had been no difficulty until ROSA appeared; that JAMES had only known her as a weak, and subsequently called her a foul name; that she rebuked with another foul name; that the deceased then caught her by the hair and dragged her around the room. The witness finally helped him to the door, but the quarrel was renewed by JAMES, who repeated the foul name which he had before bestowed upon her; ROSA said, "Don't call me by that name again;" as she said this she stood erect for a moment; the witness could not tell whether JAMES caught her by the hair again, and dragged her to the window; her weight carried him through the window; he still clung to her hair, however, until his wife had separated them; the witness could not say whether the accused picked up a smoothing iron or not, when she stooped over, nor could she tell whether she had anything in her hand when she pushed the deceased back against the window. The defendant had admitted that she had an iron in her hand, but said that it was taken from her before she had occasion to consider her action.

Dr. O'GORMAN testified that the head of the deceased might have been injured as it was by forcible contact with the window sash.

The testimony here closed. After the counsel on both sides had summed up, Judge DEPUE delivered an able charge. The jurors retired at 2 o'clock to consider their verdict. At 11 o'clock last night they had not returned.

The War in Paraguay—Lecture by General M. T. McMahon.

The war in Paraguay was the subject of an able lecture delivered by General M. T. MCMAHON, late United States Minister to that country, for the benefit of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, before a large and respectable audience, at the Cooper Union, last evening. The lecturer prefaced his remarks by a succinct narration of the leading historical events in Paraguay from its discovery by JOHN DE SOLAS, of Castille, in 1516, and the establishment of its independence under the leadership of its first Dictator, Dr. FRANCIA, to the unanimous election of FRANCISCO SOLANO LOPEZ to the Presidency, on the death of his father, ANTONIO LOPEZ, in 1862, two years before the commencement of the existing war. He described the character of President LOPEZ, from personal observation, to be that of a true soldier and scholar, a gentleman of winning and pleasing address, who had faithfully served his country's interests in Europe during his father's Administration. Unlike the monster his enemies have represented him, he was gentle, though brave, his worst crime being that for five years he has heroically defended the liberty of his native land. Having described the causes which immediately precided the commencement of the hostilities, he traced the progress from the opening of hostilities to the present moment, when, in the face of fearful odds, and at an awful sacrifice of life, it still maintained the unequal struggle. For five years, with a heroism unparalleled in the history of the world, the Paraguayans maintained the independence of their country against all opposition, though almost totally deficient of the supplies necessary for the prosecution of such a war, and though repeatedly, by the force of superior numbers compelled to retire, they have on all occasions evinced a patriotism and bravery which should have commanded respect, if not sympathy and assistance. At the beginning of the contest Paraguay contained a million happy people—to-day two-thirds of the population have perished and the remainder are wandering on the mountains and hearning to look forward to death as a welcome deliverance from Brazil. The rule of Brazil brought misery, and wrong, and tyranny was less terrible than starvation and titless persecution. It was a melancholy fact that American sympathies, which were ever earnest in behalf of struggling independence, found no voice for Paraguay, even when now the remnant of her population were fighting as no nation fought before, for liberty, as did the people of Ireland and Poland. Doubtless if she were to take her place with those unhappy nations, conquered and trampled on, she would receive our commiseration; but, heroic and unconquerable, she is treated with indifference and neglect. If was said they were fighting ignorantly, but that was cruelly unjust. If not wisely, yet their country was dearer than life, and hatred of Brazil was an unchanging and national passion. Yet, though almost crushed, she was too proud to seek foreign aid, but, with a shadow of its already decimated army, fights the battle to the bitter end. They were unequaled, and unconquerable; their patriotism was as devoted as when, in their country's cause, they first drew the sword, and they rely on their own capacity to outlive the triple alliance and the existing Government of Brazil. The lecturer, in conclusion, said that a cause blessed with the blood of so many martyrs, and glorified by the bravery of its supporters, could not fail, and finally, even from the unsympathetic Government of the United States, the admiration of their conduct and sacrifice would be made known to their national regeneration.

New Depot for the Third-Avenue Railroad.

A new iron depot for the Third-avenue Railroad Company is about to be erected at One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, Harlem. The work will be commenced March 1. The plans of the Company are to have the building entirely fireproof, and four stories high, the upper floors to be used for a hotel. The ground covered by the depot buildings will be about half an acre, and cost the Company $75,000 about a year since. The entire expenses will amount to over half a million of dollars. The surfaces or siding under cover will be constructed in such a manner as to shelter about one hundred cars, with proper accommodation for the teams. This Company, on March 1, will place upon the road fifty additional horse cars, and a new time table has been made up, to take effect upon that date. The Harlem and Yorkville through cars will run every two minutes instead of, as now, every three minutes, as at present, and the down-town cars or "short" cars, as they are familiarly termed by the passengers who travel between Sixty fifth-street and the Astor House, will run every minute.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—American Securities opened quiet. Stocks quiet; closed quiet and steady. The course of the market during the day is indicated by the following table.

	11 A. M.	1 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
Consols for money	92¾	..	92¾
Consols for account	92¾	..	92¾
U. S. 5-20s of 1865	87¼	..	87¼
U. S. 5-20s of 1865, old	87	..	87
U. S. 5-20s of 1867	88¼	..	88¼
U. S. 10-40s	85¾	85¾	85
Ill. Central Railroad Shares	111	110	110¼
Erie Railroad Shares	20¾	..	20
A. & G. W. West'n R. R. Shares	20¾	..	20

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The Bourse opened dull; Rentes, 72f. 20c. Closed firm; Rentes, 72f. 20c.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14.—United States Five-twenty Bonds opened firm at 92¼.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opened steady; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales. The stock of Cotton taken for export and speculation on Saturday should have been 5,000 bales, and not 2,000.

BREADSTUFFS—The market is firmer.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Refined Petroleum, 1s. 10d. ⅌ gallon.

HAVRE, Feb. 14.—Cotton opens firm for both on the spot and afloat. Trade Orleans is on the spot 100¼f. ⅌ cwt; Low Middling afloat, 122f.

BREMEN, Feb. 14.—Petroleum opens flat.

HAMBURG, Feb. 14.—Petroleum opens firm.

ANTWERP, Feb. 14.—Petroleum opened firm at 38¾f. for Standard White.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—1 P. M.—COTTON—The shipments from Bombay to the 12th inst., since the last report, have been 1,000 bales.

PROVISIONS—Lard dull. Pork dull. Cheese 75s. 6d. ⅌ cwt. for the best grades of American. Rice.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—5 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed quiet. Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 2,000 for export and speculation.

BREADSTUFFS—The market closed firm.

LONDON, Feb. 14—5 P. M.—Cotton at the close 1s. ⅌ ton for this evening for feeding. Calcutta Linseed 56s. 6d. Refined Petroleum firm. Linseed Oil, 31s. ⅌ cwt. Tallow quiet.

ANTWERP, Feb. 14.—Petroleum closes firm at 38¾f.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14.—Bonds closed firm but quiet; Five-twenties quoted at 92¼@92¾.

HAVRE, Feb. 14—Cotton closed quiet on spot and afloat.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—FLOUR steady and moderately active for all but choice; prices unchanged. WHEAT—No. 1 quiet at 84c.; No. 2 fairly active at the close of the market at 81½@81¾c. in the afternoon; No. 3 dull and lower; sales at 77c. CORN in fair demand at the close; sellers at 70c. for No. 2; in the afternoon, No. 2 was dull at 69¾c. OATS firm and 1c. higher; buyers at the close at 37½c. for No. 2; sellers at 37¾c. RYE—No. 2 nominal at 66c.@70c. BARLEY firmer; buyers at 78c.@81c.; sellers at 80c.@82½c. PROVISIONS active. Mess PORK closed at $22 87½. Lard closed at $15 37½@15 40 cash, and $15 40 buyer March. LARD in better demand and 5c. lower; sales at 14½c. cash, and 14¾c. seller March; MEATS dull, and almost nominal. Dry Salted Shoulders, 8c.; Short Ribs, loose, 10½c. HAMS—Sweet Pickled, 13½@14c; Green, 12c.@12½c. Dressed HOGS dull at $8 12½@$8 37½, dividing on 200 lbs. Live HOGS dull and lower; $8 10@$8 20 for Common to Good. CATTLE—[illegible]

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

City of Washington	Feb. 15	New-York	Liverpool.
Westphalia	Feb. 15	New-York	Glasgow.
Manhattan	Feb. 16	New-York	Liverpool.
Java	Feb. 16	New-York	Liverpool.
Siberia	Feb. 17	New-York	Liverpool.
Tonawanda	Feb. 17	New-York	Havana.
Ville de Paris	Feb. 18	New-York	Havre.
Helvetia	Feb. 19	New-York	Liverpool.
City of Baltimore	Feb. 19	New-York	Liverpool.

FOR VERA CRUZ AND HAVANA.

Cleopatra	Feb. 18	New-York	Vera Cruz.
Morro Castle	Feb. 19	New-York	Havana.

Closing of Foreign Mails at Post Office.

TUESDAY.

Mails for Europe, via Southampton, Cherbourg and Hamburg, by the *Westphalia*, at 12 M. Supplementary mail for *paid* letters on the pier foot of Third-street, Hoboken, to 1:30 P. M.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Roughtown's Way	8 A. M.; 3 P. M.
North, through R. R. R. R.	8 A. M.
A—New-York Central	8 A. M.; 4:30, 9 P. M.
North, Way, via Harlem R. R.	
Old Post Office	5 A. M.
East, via New-Haven	8 A. M.; 12½, 6 P. M.
East, via Newport	8 P. M.
East, New-Haven Way	8 A. M.; 2:30 P. M.
East, Fall River, mail	6 P. M.
South, Through R. R. R. R.	8 A. M.; 7:30 P. M.
Philadelphia Way	8 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Salt Lake and Denver	7 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Harrisburg, Toledo, and by A. & G. W. Western R. R. to Pittsburg and Meadville, Penn., &c.	8 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.

Passengers Arrived.

FEB. 14—Ps steamship *Donau*, from Bremen.—Prof. L. Lesquaviers and family, F. Derkheim and family, Louis Sonnenschein, Louis Fischer, E. M. Silventhal, J. Alexander, J. H. Hoeting, C. Y. Strauss, Henry Oestren and wife, V. Wassermann, Alphons Kesbacher and family.

FEB. 14—Ps steamship *Helvetia*, from Liverpool.—Rev. E. H. Sayre, wife and 2 children, Rev. Mr. Lowenstein, Miss Hepburn, Wm. Nixon, M. J. Mass, wife and child, W. Suire, T. Hanna, and 35 in the steerage.

FEB. 14—Ps steamship *Iowa*, from Glasgow.—David L. Ling and Captain R. A. Humphrey.

NEWS PACKAGES FOR THE PRESS.

Captains and pursers of vessels arriving at this port are requested to deliver packages addressed to the New-York Associated Press, only to parties authorizing the written authority of J. W. Sullivan, General Agent.

News packages for the *Journal of Commerce*, Tribune, [illegible]

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK...MONDAY, Feb. 14.

Cleared.

Steamship City of Washington, Jones, Liverpool, J. G. Dale; Westphalia, Schwanen, Hamburg, Ad. Schmidt & Co.; Franconia, Bragg, Portland, J. F. Ames.

Ships Geneva, Kerr, Glasgow; Baltic, (New-s.) Bragg, Havre; Wm. Tell, Tobias, Rotterdam, Funch, Edye & Co.; Jacobina, Cadie, Falck, Edye & Co.

Brig Morgan (N. G.) Hickox, Manzanillo and Fagnes Ayres, Funch, Edye & Co.

Schs. Ellen, Hodges, Savannah, A. G. Lord & Co.; Sebagowa, Bryant, St. Thomas, Tuttson & Co.; Frankie, (Br.) Wilson, West Isles, N. B., John Boynton's Son & Co.; A. J. Huntley, Bunnell, Charleston, Van Brunt & Slaght; C. O. Adams, Hoppel, Stamford.

Arrived.

Steamship Manhattan, (Br.) Forsyth, Liverpool Jan. 26, and Queenstown 27th, with mdse. and 240 passengers to Williams & Guion. Jan. 27, arrived at Queenstown, ship Oracle, (BR.) from San Francisco; bark Ida, (Br.) Pearson, from Cienfuegos; brig Leonard E., (Br.) Ingersoll, from Cienfuegos; schr. Ida, 48 m. N. of Hatteras, 18th, passed ship Constantine, hence for London. The M. experienced heavy weather throughout the passage.

Steamship Ellen S. Terry, Chester, Newport, R. I., on hence, with mdse. and 7 passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co. At Hatteras Inlet, N. C., Feb. 12, schrs. Ellen Hodges, for Philadelphia, and Trenton, for New-York.

Steamship Helvetia, (Br.) Thomson, Liverpool Jan. 26, and Queenstown 27th, with mdse. and passengers to F. W. J. Hurst. Experienced very heavy westerly gales and high head seas the entire passage.

Steamship Iowa, (Br.) Hoddywick, Glasgow Jan. 31, and Moville 2d, with mdse. and 120 passengers to Henderson Bros. Has had westerly gales and head seas the entire passage.

Steamship United States, Smith, New-Orleans Feb. 7, with mdse. and passengers to Fred. Baker.

Steamship Donau, (N. G.) Ernst, Bremen Jan. 29, via Southampton Feb. 4, with mdse. and passengers to Oelrichs & Co.

Steamship Hatteras, Blackwood, Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Steamship Wm. P. Clyde, Morgan, Wilmington, N. C., & cls., with naval stores, &c., to James Hand.

Steamship Tennessee, Chichester, Charleston Feb. 13, with mdse. and passengers to Henry R. Morgan & Co.

U. S. steamer Seminole, Commander E. K. Owen, Port-au-Prince (Jan. 29, via Key West Feb. 6. Has one 9 gun, and has a complement of 120 officers and men. While at Port-au-Prince assistant Wm. Willis died of yellow fever. Put into Key West to land and bury the remains of Mr. J. Gibbs, U. S. N., who died while at Key West with same disease. The steamer Seminole was ordered to Portland, but being short of coal, put into this port. Since leaving Key West all have been well.

Bark Queen of the Seas, (of Hong Kong,) Burrell, Pookow Oct. 23, with teas to Free, Spring & Co. Passed Anjier Nov. 7 and the Cape Good Hope Dec. 31. Occasion of the 14th ult., lat. 36 N., long. 70 W., had moderate weather to Hatteras; has been 5 ds. from thence with heavy northerly and westerly gales; lost and split sails, &c. Dec. 17, lat. 34 S., long. 32 E., spoke ship Rowena, hence for Boston; Dec. 24, off Cape Agulhas, spoke ship Rainbow, from Penang for Boston.

Bark Montreal, (of Windsor, N. S.) Smith Liverpool Jan. 31, with salt to order. Jan. 31, had moderate weather. Jan. 31, Joseph Wilkinson, one of the crew, fell from the topgallant yard, and was drowned.

Berk Carib, Jayne, St. Croix 17 ds., in ballast to P. Wright & Sons. Experienced heavy weather all the passage. Feb. 7, lat. 34 30, long. 74 45, spoke throwmasted schr. Damon de Ajuria, (of Philadelphia,) from Philadelphia for Rague, with lumber and Hickson, master, dismasted, lat. 34 30, long. 74 45, in charge of the mizzenmast standing; was steering N. W. at the time, with an awing set for a squaresail on the mainmast; 8th, lat. 35 55, lon. 74 35, saw a lore and sit sche. Wind quite ahead all the way.

Bark Rachel, (of Portland,) Norton, Matanzas 19 ds., with molasses to Brett, Son & Co. Had rough weather during the passage.

Schr. Carlton, (of Boston,) Trocotte, Havana 14 ds., with sugar, to Shepard, Gerrish & Stevens, master. Had heavy weather all the passage.

Bark Elias Bates, Wyatt, 12 and from Bermuda 19 ds., with hides, &c., to T. H. Harvey. Has been 10 ds. north of Hatteras, with N. E. gales, and lost bloom of the coast twice.

Bark Canada, (of Quebec,) Carrieres, Demerara 22 ds., with sugar to J. A. Phipps & Co.—vessel to master. Has been 10 ds. N. of Hatteras, with N. E. gales; lost bulwarks and split sails Feb. 8, lat. 36 25 long. 73, in a gale from N. E. Shipped a sea, washed everything. Alex. Boyer, seaman, of Quebec, aged 18 years.

Brig Ann, (of Yarmouth, N. S.) Crook, Matanzas 15 ds., with 1,100 boxes sugar, to Francke & Fisher; vessel to Funch, Edye & Co. Had rough weather and a succession of N. E. gales; stove bulwarks, split sails, and received other damage.

Bark Arethusa, (of St. John, N. B.) Dunham, Cardenas, 11 days, with sugar to Francke & Fischer; vessel to Brett, Son & Co. Has had northerly gales most of the passage. At Hatteras has been 5 days N. of Hatteras; lost and split sails.

Brig Cuneaton, (of Windsor, N. S.) Lockart, Curacoa 16 ds., with hides, &c., to Joseph Foulke's Son. Has had northerly gales all the passage. Left in port Brig La Creole, for New-York, 6 ds.

Brig Ocean Belle, (of Boston,) Dixon, Sagua 10 ds., with sugar to Brett, Son & Co.—vessel to master. Has been 5 ds. N. of Hatteras. Feb. 6, off Hatteras in a gale from N. E., shipped a heavy sea, stove bulwarks, started cargo, split sails, and received other damage.

Brig C. H. Kennedy, of Portland, Dodge, Demerara, 20 ds., with sugar to N. Wolsey, Feb. 4 was had northerly gales, stove bulwarks, started cargo and chain plates, and received other damage.

Brig Rocky Glen, (of Newport,) Dorr, Galveston 22 ds., with cotton to W. L. Adams & Co.—vessel to master. Experienced heavy N. E. gales most of the passage; 5 ds. north of Hatteras. Feb. 10, lat. 36 50, lon. 74, spoke schr. Ramon de Aguria, from Philadelphia for Rague, dismasted, lat. 34 30, long. 74 45, in charge of the mizzenmast standing.

Brig Queen of the South, Burns, Manzanilla 21 ds., with wood, logwood, &c., to E. Vetterlein & Sons. Has had northerly and westerly gales all the passage; lost main boom, and had bulwarks stove.

Brig M. L. B., (of Arichat,) Estes, Sagua 9 ds., with sugar and molasses to Moses Taylor; vessel to H. W. Loud & Co. Had heavy weather the entire passage; split sails, &c. Sld. in co. with schr. Central America.

Brig Cristal, (Sard.,) Fabiano, Tarragona 42 ds., with wines, &c., Thomas Lorenzo & Co. Passed Gibraltar Dec. 28. Has been 3 weeks on the coast with constant W. and N. W. gales; lost and split sails, &c.

Brig H. B. Hicks, Hicks, Cienfuegos 14 ds., with Madeira 11 ds., with sugar to Ortiz & Co.—vessel to James E. Ward & Co. Had heavy weather; was 7 ds. N. of Hatteras.

Brig Ada S. Wright, (of St. John, N. B.) Wright, Matanzas 15 ds., with molasses to order. Had heavy N. W. winds the entire passage; was 6 ds. N. of Hatteras.

Schr. John H. French, (of Philadelphia,) Burgess, Aguadilla, P. R., 17 ds., with sugar and molasses to Waydell & Co.—vessel to E. Nickerson & Co. Has been 6 ds. N. of Hatteras, with heavy weather. Feb. 14, lat. 36 20, long. 75 40, spoke schr. Ellen S